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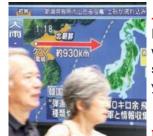




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DMS students succeed in speech, debate contest

Jonathan Wolf and Tioni Reves of Dandan Middle School placed the CNMI on the map after joining over 900 students in the weeklong 2017 Middle School National Tournament of the National Junior Speech and Debate Association, held in Birmingham, Alabama.

Tioni Reves advanced to the quarterfinals, placing in the Top 26 in Poetry Interpretation.

She expressed shock at how well she did. "I was so excited to see my name posted on the wall. As a first-timer to ever compete at the national level, this accomplishment has truly caught me by surprise."

The incoming 9th grade student credits her coach, Johanne Kristine Wolf, for inspiring her. "I thank her so much. She has pushed me to do my best and go for it! She helped me with my pieces and strategy, especially during the regional competition [on Saipan]. I would like to thank her, my fellow competitors, my team mates and my parents."

Reyes will be attending Marianas High School this school year and looks forward to continuing her involvement in the National Speech and Debate Association.

Jonathan Wolf, a history maker for the CNMI in his own right, ad-



Tioni Reyes, left, and Jonathan Wolf, right, pose with their awards and their coach, Johanne Kristine Wolf, center.

after six grueling rounds. He ulti- Humorous Interpretation of "Jim- Wolf, the declamation champion

vanced to the national semifinals mately placed in the Top 12 for his my, The Anti-Christ." Jonathan

at the 2016 National Junior Speech and Debate Association, placed second in Prose Interpretation at this year's national tournament.

Feeling the pressure from Day 1, Jonathan Wolf said: "I'll be lying if I say I didn't have high hopes in bringing home the championship trophy this year. But I was happy with the outcome of the competition; the first-place student was really good. I felt scared after seeing his performance. All in all, being second to him was pretty awesome. I'm happy to bring home a second-place trophy as a gift to our islands.'

"I thank my coach, Johanne Kristine Wolf; her encouragement kept me determined. I pray to keep my energy going and do my best again in next year's competition," Jonathan Wolf added.

The National Speech and Debate Association of the Western Pacific will begin its monthly competition at the start of school year 2017-2018. The monthly competition determines the regional competition eligibility of students as they vie for a spot in the CNMI Team for the 2018 National Speech and Debate national tournament, which is scheduled to take place in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. (PR)



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Docomo relaunches Gualo Rai branch



By BEA CABRERA bea_cabrera@saipantribune.com

Docomo Pacific relaunched its Gualo Rai branch last July 3, not only doubling the space size, but also enhancing the living room experience with counches where customers could lounge and items on display that customers could touch and play with.

The relaunch was attended not only by Docomo Pacific officials led by CEO/president Jonathan Kriegel, but also by CNMI lawmakers and guest speaker Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, who arrived the day before from Montana where he attended the Western Governor's Association meeting.

Dino Manning, general manager for Docomo Pacific CNMI, boasted of the features of the new Gualo Rai store.

"This is a very different store from the previous one. We have opened up the space where we made it inviting, people can relax because of the long couches, people can roam around and look at our products," Manning said, "and we have installed counters where customers can have a discussion about Docomo Pacific's services, sign up, or come in for repair and payment. Here, every chair

and desk you see around will have a person sitting behind it, ready to help the customers."

One notable feature of the relaunched store is that all Docomo Pacific products, phones, and other gadgets are not merely for display "because we want the customers to touch everything that is here" similar to the Docomo Pacific branch in Susupe.

Also, "we doubled the size of the store. We are now looking at a floor area of 2,000 square feet so we can put and accomodate all the customer's needs in one place," Manning said.

This makes the Docomo Pacific Gualo Rai branch its largest store in the CNMI.

The store was remodeled in anticipation of a surge of Docomo Pacific services in the Commonwealth, as Docomo Pacific's undersea cable, ATI-SA, is set to go online.

Kriegel said, "Everybody will get the chance to go around to our demo sites in the store and try out our triple digit internet speed. You will be able to see an internet speed of 100 megabit per second so you can see what is it like to try download a full movie or stream a video. We look forward to bringing that to the homes of consumers and to businesses

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Krigel added. He pointed out that ATISA is now open for businesses. "ATISA has come to life and we are offering businesses access to the global internet."

ATISA's first customers are the Commonwealth Port Authority at the Francisco C. Ada-Saipan International Airport, the Susupe fire station, the Aquarius Beach Tower Hotel, and the Aqua Resort Club who are experiencing the benefits of faster access to the global internet. We would love to serve other business and we are ready for you now."

In August, Docomo Pacific will open up various services to consumers such as fixed line services, the internet, home telephone, and the cable TV with Tivo.

"The Tivo experience will bring high definition television, along with what the world's television experience

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Docomo Pacific officials led by CEO/president Jonathan Kriegel, right, and Gov. Ralph DLG Torres join Docomo Pacific general manager Dino Manning in cutting the ribbon to the renovated Docomo Pacific Gualo Rai branch.

that combines cable TV channels with all the best internet services like Netflix, Hulu, YouTube into one experience. You can search once and have all the results show in one place and then you can record up to six shows simultaneous- Kreigel added. ly," Kreigel said.

Faster and better internet service and coverage does not mean higher price.

"Our commitment even from the start is to make sure that the CNMI pays no more for any of our services than the people in Guam. It is what we call the One Marianas approach, which means there is no premium to being a consumer anywhere else. We treat all as one. Our prices are available in the Guam website and that is the price that our consumers will pay here,"

Torres knows the importance of technology and the potential that awaits the CNMI.

"It is an honor that we have Docomo Pacific to be part of our lives and community. The government and Docomo Pacific has a good partnership through continuous communication and updating. With the investments we have here in the CNMI, intellectual technology is not a luxury, it is a need and this is how we communicate around the world."



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Chatfield witnesses NMI LibDay parade

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Despite the heightened saber rattling by North Korea in the region, the top U.S. military leader in Western Pacific assured residents that they have nothing to be concerned about.

Rear Adm. Shoshana Chatfield, who assumed command of Joint Region Marianas in January this year, said: "I know that it is everybody's concern. When world leaders start to make threats, particularly North Korea has, I know people all over the world begin to notice and get concerned.

"It is very important for the United States military to make sure we have our presence and we pursue our freedom of navigation throughout the world's oceans so that we can uphold international law and maintain freedom and peace," she said.

Just yesterday, North Korea claimed it successfully test-launched its first intercontinental ballistic missile, a potential game-changing development.

Chatfield, who is also commander of the U.S. Naval Forces Marianas and the U.S. Pacific Command and senior military official in Guam, Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of Palau, attended



Rear Adm. Shoshana Chatfield stands on the main stage during the singing of the American anthem.

yesterday's Liberation Day parade on Beach Road in Garapan, joining Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and administration officials and dignitaries on the main stage.

"I have been to Saipan quite a few times but this is my first time to witness the celebration of the CNMI Liberation Day and I am honored to be a part of it." Chatfield said.

She was accompanied on this trip by her husband, David. She said they have been able to enjoy the many things that Saipan has to offer, "including playing tennis last night at the community tennis center at [American] Memorial Park and also we went snorkeling this morning."

Before coming to the Marianas region, Chatfield worked for the Supreme Headquarters for the Allied Power Europe, or SHAPE. "That's why I lived in Belgium for three years." SHAPE is the headquarters of the Allied Command Operations that control NATO operations worldwide.

"I was an assistant to a general in-charge and when I moved up to the Brussels headquarters, I was on the U.S. delegation to the military committee," Chatfield said.

Chatfield is not a newcomer to the region, having been with the Helicopter Sea Combat 25 in Guam from 2002 to 2006. "I was the commanding officer of that squad. I served as wing commander of HSC wing, U.S. Pacific fleet from 2011 to 2013 before Belgium.

"So when this job opened up, I asked if I can come out and I was really fortunate to be able to come back to the Marianas," she added.

Chatfield is an inspiration and a figure of leadership to the men and women in the military. She extends the same aspirations to the younger generation of the Marianas

"For any young person who has a dream or a goal, I just hope that you have the courage to share that with somebody who can help you attain it. When the goals stays internal, sometimes it just stays a dream.

"But when it is shared, people remind you about that when times are hard, when you're tired. So the more people you share that with, the more people rally around you when it looks like you need help. Sharing the goal and working through the difficult times with the people you love and who loves you and support you, that can really help you reach your goal."

Chatfield, looking at two years on the post, said, "Normally, the post's tour of duty is two years but I hope it would be more."

REPORTERS' NOTEBOOK

Many liked the idea of holding the Liberation Day parade in the afternoon as it was not too hot. It was the first time in many years that there was no rain during the parade. A drizzle occurred at 4:40pm but it lasted less than two minutes. (Ferdie de la Torre)

Some people watched an aerial view of the parade, courtesy of a few drone enthusiasts. It was a first time in the annual parade in the CNMI where more people used drones to get a different angle of the event. (Ferdie de la Torre)

As it was not too humid, many people were more relaxed and enjoyed viewing the parade. By 5pm, more people came to Beach Road to witness the annual event. (Ferdie de la Torre)

Football is getting more popular in the CNMI every year. The annual Liberation Day parade was proof of that. Every year, more young football players and supporters participate in the parade. (Ferdie de la Torre)

A giant float resembling a lizard by the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs amazed the crowd, which spilled into the parade route. (Saipan Tribune)

The main stage was filled with CNMI dignitaries that included Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, Lt. Gov. Victor Hocog, Saipan Mayor David Apatang, Rep. Angel Demapan (R-Saipan), and Sen. Steve Mesngon (R-Rota). People surrounded the stage, occupying both an array of food to celebrate. sides of Beach Road, across Kristo Rai Church. (Erwin **Encinares**)

Children doing a Kyokushin karate exhibition wowed the crowd with their skills. (Erwin Encinares)

The sunny afternoon was greeted with a light shower—nothing too serious. If anything, it seemed as if the crowd welcomed the light shower. (Erwin Encinares)

Heavy-duty trucks were used by about three to four floats. People riding in the passenger seat seemed to have a great time waving to the dignitaries on the stage. A lot of the competitors of the float parade offered gifts to Gov. Ralph DLG Torres. Fruit baskets were dominant, while McDonald's Saipan gave away gift cards, Coca-Cola Micronesia gave away beverage bundles and ice cream, as well as many other stuff. (Erwin Encinares)

A car club that boasts custom four-wheel drive vehicles, 4x4holics, impressed the crowd with their car-show quality trucks and vehicles. Some were even repurposed old cars. Some vehicles had mud, proving that the vehicles weren't just for show. (Erwin Encinares)

A flyby by the B1B Lancer supersonic plane from Guam after the national anthems were sang was an amazing display of coordination and cooperation of the people behind the organization of the Liberation Parade this year (Bea Cabrera)

People were so warm and friendly, willing to offer a seat or a drink of cold water under the heat. (Bea Cabrera)

Presentations of every float were supposed to last five minutes only but some exceeded that, hence the delay of the many floats behind. (Bea Cabrera)

It was a family day. Lots of families brought tents and (Bea Cabrera)

The giant monitor lizard float was named by the many children Boboy. Parker Yobei, executive director of Commonwealth Arts Council, said they can name the lizard whatever they want. (Bea Cabrera)

People were respectful of police lines and boundaries; that's why it was not chaotic or rowdy on the road where the parade was. (Bea Cabrera)



These young girls represented the East Asian Football Federation at the Liberation Day parade yesterday.

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parade may have exceeded its deadline, but it still was better than expected.

The Liberation Day Committee and the Saipan Mayor's Office staff were prepared for the possibility of the sun setting on the parade. A panel of lights below the grandstand was prepared to shine on each float. However, that proved unnecessary. The parade exceeded it scheduled time by exactly 20 minutes.

The parade consisted of 56 participating groups, ranging

from 25 floats to car clubs and organizations that wanted to showcase themselves. Seventeen groups marched during tional Ltd. to join the parade.

This year, the Saipan Mayor's Office, the Office of the Governor, and the CNMI Museum entered their own floats in the parade—a first.

All performances incorporated the theme of the festival: "Celebrating culture, community, and service."

The Department of Community and Cultural Affairs' float, shaped like a giant lizard, amazed the crowd because of its craftsmanship and its creativity. The office created an enormous hilitai float.

This was also the first time for Imperial Pacific Interna-It had the largest number of participants in its float and marching group. Imperial Pacific also entertained the crowd with a short and energetic lion dance.

The Lady Diann Foundation brought a whimsical feel to the parade by incorporating Spongebob Squarepants in

For this year's float competition, the judges chose four floats that made the best impression. The first place award was given to the Papago Lancheros, winning them \$4,000. Second place was awarded

to the Department of Correc-

tions, winning them \$3,000. Third place was awarded to the Carolinian Affairs Office,

winning it \$2,000. Last place went to TanHoldings, which won it \$1,000.

Although no hard figures were immediately available from the police, it was estimated by many spectators that this year's parade drew a bigger crowd compared to last year's.

According to Apatang, the crowd yesterday seemed bigger than the previous year's parade and could possibly be because of the time change.

Fire engulfs 8 vehicles

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE ferdie_delatorre@saipantribune.com REPORTER

At least eight vehicles went up in flames when a fire of still unknown cause swept through an auto repair and tire shop along Chalan Pale Arnold Road in Puerto Rico late Monday night to early Tuesday morning.

When Saipan Tribune left the scene at 2:35am yesterday, firefighters were still trying to extinguish the blaze that had engulfed the Si Tong Auto Shop and Si Tong Tire Shop.

The owner of the shops, identified only as Mr. He, said the burned vehicles belonged to his customers and that he managed to save three cars during the fire.

He said the firefighters were slow to act and did not have enough supply of water.

He said he was inside his office when he heard some people yell, "Fire." He said the fire started in the barracks behind the shops, but that no one was at the barracks at that time.

He tried to extinguish the blaze using a fire extinguisher and managed to drive three vehicles away from the flames, but the fire was already big and was spreading rapidly.

His own vehicle was not affected because it was parked away from the shops.

Mr. He started operating the shops five years ago. His workers describe him as a very nice employer.

Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services spokesman Derek Gersonde said that firefighters received a call about the structure fire on Monday at 11:43pm and that the fire was placed under control at 3:13am yesterday.

No one was reported injured.

Gersonde said firefighters from Susupe, Garapan, and Koblerville fire stations were dispatched to the scene on Monday at 11:45pm.

Man allegedly beats up woman, girl

A 19-year-old man was arrested in Kagman on Friday night for allegedly beating up a woman and a 10-year-old girl at an apartment in Finasisu last June 25.

Alexandro Ayuyu Gernardo now faces two counts of assault and battery and two counts of disturbing the peace. His bail was kept at \$5,000 cash on Monday. Preliminary hearing will be on July 11 at 1:30pm.

The Office of the Public Defender was appointed as counsel for Gernardo. Assistant attorney general Jonathan Wilberscheid appeared for the government.

According to police, the woman and her 10-year-old cousin were home in Finasisu last June 25 when Gernardo came, hit the woman on the shoulder, lower back, leg, and lower jaw.

The suspect allegedly punched the 10-year-old girl on her arm and thigh. The girl called 911 at a neighbor's house.

The report did not mention how Gernardo is related to the victims.

A police officer responded to the apartment last June 25. Gernardo was then arrested. He was then released re-arrested on Friday. (Ferdie de la Torre)



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Gersonde said DFEMS investigators were on scene to determine the cause of the fire. "Updates will be released when available," he said.

Saipan Tribune learned from some workers at Si Tong Auto Shop that the fire possibly started at a barracks occupied by two workers behind the shop.

More than 10 vehicles were in the shop.

The shops' owner and his son live in the building.

Explosions could be heard as the blaze consumed the vehicles

A worker said they went to the shop after receiving a call about the fire. When they arrived, the fire was already large. The worker said they wanted to help extinguish a small fire that started near a car, but the police prevented them from doing so. The worker said that even a bottle of water would have helped prevent the scattered small fires from reaching the vehicles.

While firefighters were trying to control the blaze, police re-routed traffic flow in the area to Industrial Drive.



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\$3.5M energy grants for territories

WHITEFISH, MT—U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke last week informed American Samoa Gov. Lolo Moliga, Guam Gov. Eddie Calvo, and CNMI Gov. Ralph DLG Torres that he has approved a total of \$3,489,427 in energy grants for the three territories. Zinke and the governors were attending the Western Governors Association meeting in Montana. In addition Zinke announced energy grants for the U.S. Virgin Islands.

American Samoa will re-

ceive \$1,163,228, Guam are unique and I am pleased \$1,072,827, the Northern Mariana Islands \$658,692, and the U.S. Virgin Islands \$594,680 for a variety of projects across the territories that will create immediate energy efficiencies, reduce high costs of fossil-fuel dependency, and explore other alternatives towards energy self-sufficiency.

"We recognize that the cost of electricity in the U.S. territories is three times higher, on average, than the U.S. national average," said Zinke. "The energy needs of the territories to help bring them into focus as President Trump highlights energy strategies across America during Energy Week."

Thirty-four applications, totaling more than \$18 million, were submitted for consideration to the Department of the Interior's Office of Insular Affairs. The Empowering Island Communities grant funding as provided annually by the U.S. Congress is about \$3 million.

Because the USVI is not a member of the Western Governors Association, Gov. Kenneth Mapp did not attend the meeting. However, Zinke did travel to the USVI for its centennial commemoration in March where he met with the governor and is scheduled to meet him again sometime in July.

The \$658,692 awarded to the CNMI will fund two projects: installing solar panels at the Northern Marianas College and a feasibility study on extracting methane from the Marpi landfill and the Gov. Eloy S. Inos Peace Park, formerly known as the Puerto Rico Dump.

NMC will get \$489,807 to install roof-mounted photovoltaic systems (139-kilowatt-size) on three campus

buildings, reducing energy costs and dependence on fossil fuels. The photovoltaic systems will be installed on three buildings that have been demonstrated to take up 30 percent of the

college's energy consumption. NMC expects to realize an annual cost savings of \$37,764 at an estimated 70-percent reduction in energy costs for the three buildings. This proposal is identified and supported in the CNMI strategic energy plan.

Zinke

The \$168,885 that will go to the CNMI government will be used to acquire professional expertise and create a feasibility study on the potential for extraction of methane gas from Saipan landfills. The

study will be used to quantify the approximate amount of gas produced and the amount to be extracted over time, and provide a database for future reference, providing CNMI leaders with viable information and a cost-benefit analysis to determine the advantage of potentially using methane biogas fuel to reduce reliance on

imported fuel.

As for the rest of the grants, American Samoa will get \$1,163,228 for three projects, Guam will get \$1.07 million for three projects, and the U.S. Virgin Islands will get

\$594,680 for two two projects. President Meanwhile, Trump has expressed his intent to nominate Interior veteran Douglas William Domenech as assistant secretary of the Interior for Insular Areas.

The Office of Assistant Secretary Insular Areas coordinates federal policy for the U.S. territories of American Samoa, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The office is also

responsible for administering and overseeing U.S. federal assistance to the freely associated states.

Domenech, whose family is from Puerto Rico, holds a bachelor's degree in Forestry and Wildlife Management from Virginia Tech University and currently serves as senior adviser to Zinke.

Previously, he served as the Secretary of Natural Resources for the Commonwealth of Virginia, overseeing six state environmental, recreation, and historic resource agencies. During the George W. Bush Administration,

Domenech served as White House liaison and deputy chief of staff to former Interior secretaries Gale Norton and Dirk Kempthorne. In addition, he served as the acting deputy assistant secretary for Insular Areas. Domenech currently serves as Zinke's appointee to the Advisory Council of the Conservation Trust of Puerto Rico.

Domenech's nomination has been endorsed by all four governors of the U.S. territories; Mapp, Moliga, Calvo, and Torres. (Saipan Tribune)



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Special Board Meeting on Thursday, July 6, 2017 at 8:00

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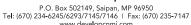
Discussion of Agenda for next Board meeting VIII. Adjournment

recess and reconvene on the following day or at the most expeditious date and time determined by the Board. Pursuant to BOE Policy 0415, public comments are limited to 30 minutes. We ask that remarks be limited to 3 minutes each. Everyone is welcomed to

In the event that the items on the agenda are not completed, the meeting will

- Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Board may vote to meet in executive session at

Commonwealth Development Authority



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL 2017-CDA-08-RFP

CLOSING DATE: Friday, July 21, 2017 • TIME: 10:00 a.m.

"FINANCIAL & COMPLIANCE AUDIT FOR FISCAL YEARS 2017 AND 2018"

Copies of the proposal may be obtained at the Commonwealth Development Authority Office, 2nd Floor, CDA Bldg., Oleai, Saipan, during regular working hours, by facsimile at 235-7147 or on our

The Commonwealth reserves the right to reject any and all bids and proposals in whole or in part and to waive any imperfection in a bid in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northerr Mariana Islands. All bids shall become the property of the CNMI government.

MANUEL A. SABLAN

HERMAN S. SABLAN Director, Procurement and Supply



PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY **CNMI GOVERNMENT**

INVITATION TO BID ITB NO.: ITB17-DPS-170

SUBMISSION/OPENING DATE: JULY 28, 2017

TIME: 10:30A.M.

"PURCHASE OF THRITY-TWO (32) NEW PORTABLE RADIOS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY -**BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLE**"

COPIES OF THE SPECIFICATIONS MAY BE PICKED-UP AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY, LOCATED AT THE FORMER EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE ASCENCION DRIVE, BUILDING NO. 1301, CAPITOL HILL, SAIPAN DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

THE GOVERNMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS AND PROPOSALS, IN WHOLE

/S/ ROBERT A. GUERRERO

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN



Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT AND HEARING

This Notice is paid by NMHC with HUD funds.

Notice is hereby given that the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) is the designated Public Housing Authority (PHA) authorized to administer the Housing Choice Voucher Program in the CNMI. Federal guidelines provide that the CNMI prepare a PHA Annual Plan for the upcoming fiscal year. NMHC has completed the draft FY 2018 PHA Annual Plan and would like to inform the general public that:

- NMHC will conduct a public hearing to solicit comments from the public for the FY 2018 PHA Annual Plan on July 12, 2017, 3:00 p.m. at NMHC's Conference Room located at the main office in Garapan, Saipan; and
- NMHC will open the public comment period from May 31, 2017 through July 12, 2017; written comments must be submitted by 4:30 p.m. on July 12 2017 to:
 - Northern Marianas Housing Corporation Attn: FY 2018 PHA Annual Plan P.O. Box 500514 Saipan, MP 96950

Any interested persons wishing to express their views on the draft FY 2018 PHA Annual Plan may do so by either attending the public hearing or by submitting written comments to NMHC. Copies of the draft FY 2018 PHA Annual Plan are available for viewing on our website at www.nmhcgov.net and during normal business hours at the NMHC Main Office in Saipan, as well as the field offices on Tinian and Rota.

> For more information on this program, please contact NMHC at 234-6866/7670/7689/9447.

> > /s/ JESSE S. PALACIOS Corporate Director

NMHC will make necessary arrangements for persons with disabilities or persons requiring interpreters upon prior notification. Should you require such arrangement, please contact Ms. Jocelyn Seman at telephone numbers 234-6866/7670/7689/9447.

EOUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER



ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE **COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

CIVIL ACTION NO.: 92-0250 MICRONESIA MARIANAS DISTRIBUTING CORPORATION (C.A. Nos. 93-0808, 00-0496, 01-0203, 01-0515, and 01-0560; and S.C. Nos. 99-1074, 00-0012, 00-0053, HOFSCHNEIDER, JR.

FIRST AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to a November 3, 2016, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth ereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest o Defendant in and to the following property: Lot no. 057 T 130 situated in Tinian Northern Mariana Islands, containing an area of 10,000 sqaure meters more or less, as shown on the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Cadastral Plat no. 057 T 03 dated December 22, 1989, Commonwealth Recorder's File no. 90-1771, the description therein being incorporated herein by this reference

<u>Date, Time, and Place of Sale.</u> The sale will be held on Friday, July 28, 2017, at the hour of 4:00 p.m., at the Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeter Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. Th sale will be open to the general public.

<u>Terms and Conditions of Sale.</u> The terms and tions of Sale may be obtained from the undersigned, either prior to or at the sale. These terms and conditions shall govern the conduct of the sale.

DATED, this 28th day of June, 2017:

/s/ MICHAEL A. WHITE. Auctioned

MICHAEL A. WHITE, ESQ. F0122 THE LAW OFFICES OF MICHAEL A. WHITE, LLC SAIPAN, MARIANA ISLANDS 96950 TEL.: (670) 234-645 FAX (670) 234-9537

ATTORNEY FOR CLAIMANTS

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT **COMMONWEALTH OF THE** NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

In the Matter of the Estate of CIVIL ACTION MARCELA UNTALAN HOFSCHNEIDER,

FIRST AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on July 8, 2016. I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the rights, title, and interest of Marcela Untalan Hofschneider in and to the following property: Lot 101 T 05 situated in Tinian Northern Mariana Islands This Int contains an area of 25 037 square meters. It is believed that the Estate of Marcela Untalan Hofschneider is the owner of an undivided 13,777 square meters in the said lot.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Joint memorial service on Friday

To commemorate the American and Japanese lives lost during the Japanese Banzai attack on July 7, 1944, during World War II, the public is invited to attend a joint memorial service on Friday, July 7, at 10am at Aqua Resort Club. The memorial service is organized by non-profit organization Kuentai-USA (based in the U.S.) and Kuentai-Japan (based in Japan) and aims to commemorate the history of the event and honor the lives lost. For more information, call at 588-9213. (PR)

Chamber meeting today

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce will have its general membership meeting today, July 5, at the Hibiscus Hall of the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan, featuring Marian Aldan-Pierce, district president of DFS and board member of the Northern Marianas Business Alliance Corp. She will discuss the need for collective documentation that outlines the efforts to recruit and train U.S. eligible workers as well as other factors that have affected hiring practices in the CNMI. Also speaking are representatives of the CNMI State Rehabilitation Council. Luncheon will be served at 11:30am, and the meeting will begin at noon. (PR)

Garapan Fishing Base boat ramp closed

The Garapan Fishing Base boat ramp and its parking facility is closed to all vessels until today, July 5, 2017, to provide access and parking to Liberation Festival patrons. Use the Smiling Cove Marina boat ramp at this time. For questions, call 664-6000. (PR)

AMP to host youth program

The American Memorial Park and its non-profit partner, Pacific Historic Parks, invite Saipan youth ages 6-8 to participate in the "Soldier Skills" summer camp program on July 11-13, from 9am to 12pm.

To register your child, stop by the American Memorial Park Visitor Center and complete a registration form. Space for the camp is limited. Applications will be accepted at the park and youths will be enrolled on a first come, first served basis

To learn more about these tion specialist Jovannalyn Mafnas at 234-7207 or 2020 or email jmafnas@pacifichistoricparks.org or Ranger Brooke Nevitt at brooke_nev-

WSR now accepting

William S. Reyes Elemenyear 2017-2018. Parents and U.S. court system. Visit the 237-3542. (PR)

Military training at Farallon de Medinilla

ASAN, Guam—The U.S. military will conduct training at the island of Farallon de Medinilla tomorrow, July 5, from 2pm to 9pm. It is recommended the public, fishermen and marine tour operators monitor the Coast Guard broadcast notice to mariners for advisories. The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla will be in a 12-nautical mile radius of the island. (PR)

Family grief support group to meet on July 6

The Compassionate Friends of Saipan will be holding their monthly grief support meeting on Thursday, July 6, from 6pm to 7:30pm, in the NMPASI conference room on Middle Road, in Gualo Rai. For more information, email tcf-Saipan@gmail.com or call Jill Derickson (989-9821) or Donna Krum (783-1900). To learn more about The Compassionate Friends, visit their website at www.compassionatefriends.org. (PR)

GMS registration

Green Meadow School is now accepting registration for new and returning students for first to eighth grade for school year 2017-2018. Visit the GMS business office in Chalan Kiya or Gualo Rai and pick up the registration form. We are also opening registration for first grade at the Gualo Rai branch. For inquiries call 235-2185, 233-6452 or 483-6452. (PR)

OES now accepting registrations

Oleai Elementary School is now accepting registration for new and returning students for school year 2017-2018. Parents and guardians of returning students are also asked to update registration and all supporting documents. Registration forms are available at our main office. For more information or inquiry, call our main office at 664-3942. (PR)

MHS registration ongoing

Registration for new incoming and returning students for Marianas High School is ongoing until July 31, 2017. Copies of all required documents must be attached before your child can be registered. Call 664-3800/01 or visit www. marianashighschool.com for more information. (PR)

SSHS registration

Saipan Southern High School is now accepting registration for new and returning students for school year 2017-2018. Come to our main office and pick up registration forms. All requirements must be turned in. Call 664-4000/2 for any other information. (PR)



Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Office of the Secretary of Public Works

2nd floor-Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan, MP 96950



INVITATION FOR BIDS **DPW-17-IFB-022**

PROPOSED TOILET FACILITIES FOR ROTA VARIOUS LOCATION

Governor Ralph Dlg. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for **Proposed Toilet Facilities** for Rota Various Location, Rota Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on or after June 28 2017 at Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works, located on Second Floor, Oleai Josten Commercial Center, San Jose, Saipan. A non-refundable payment of **One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00**) is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Teasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at the DPW Technical Services Division.

All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce/Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations currently in effect."

THE PROVISIONS OF THE CNMI PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, NMIAC SECTION 70-30.3-725 AND 70-30.3-730 PROHIBITING GRATUITUES, KICKBACKS AND

There will be a **Pre-bid Conference** for this project on **July 18, 2017,** 10:00 a.m. local time at **Rota Mayor Office**, **Rota**. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on **July 28, 2017** to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

Prospective bidders should examine and review the invitation for bids with care. If it should appear to a prospective bidder that the performance of the work under the contract or any of the matters relative thereto is not sufficiently described or explained in the invitation for bids, or that any discrepancy exists between different parts of the invitation for bids, or that full intent of the invitation for bids is not clear, then the prospective bidder shall submit a written request for clarification no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening at 4:30 pm to Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division, 2nd Floor, Clear leafer of the Companyial Control Services of Services Division, 2nd Floor, Clear leafer of the Control Services Division, 2nd Floor, Clear leafer of the Control Services Division, 2nd Floor, Clear leafer of the Control Services Division, 2nd Floor, Clear leafer of the Control Services Division, 2nd Floor, Clear leafer of the Control Services Division, 2nd Floor, Clear leafer of the Control Services Division, 2nd Floor, Clear leafer of the Control Services Division, 2nd Floor, Clear leafer of the Control Services Division, 2nd Floor, Clear leafer of the Control Services Division, 2nd Floor, Clear leafer of the Control Services Division, 2nd Floor, Clear leafer of the Control Services Division, 2nd Floor, Clear leafer of the Control Services Division, 2nd Floor, Clear leafer of the Control Services Division and Control Serv Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547.

The prospective bidder shall examine carefully the site of the proposed work and the invitation for bids before submitting a bid

The Contracting Officer (CO) may, upon recommendation of the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR), issue an addendum notifying all prospective bidders known to have received an invitation for bids, or if issued after the deadline for submission of the notice of intention to bid, to those persons who submitted such notice, of any changes to the invitation for bids. The Department of Public Works will make every reasonable attempt to notify all persons who obtained the invitation for bids from the Technical Services Division by telephone to pick up the addendum of the CO chooses, the addendum may be mailed or delivered personally or by facsimile machine. If the bid proposal requires the acknowledgment of addenda, the prospective bidder shall indicate the date of each addendum in the space provided. It shall be the prospective bidder's responsibility to confirm the existence of any addendum by telephoning the COTR at (670) 234-9828/9838 no later than ten (10) Calendar days before the scheduled bid opening.

Sealed bids must be marked "DPW-17-IFB-022". For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascencion Drive, Building No. 1301, Capitol Hill, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. local time August 3, 2017. Bidders located outside of the CMMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local time, August 3, 2017, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than August 3, 2017 and the BID documents must be received at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than August 14, 2017. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid. number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascencion Drive, Building No. 1301, Capitol Hill, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. local time, August 17, 2017. However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 10:30 a.m. local time, on August 3, 2017.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashiers check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surrety or other surrety acceptable to the Attorney General. Surety requiring approval of the Attorney General must be pre-approved prior to bid submission. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations \$70-30.3-245. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than \$25,000.00. Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

- irrent license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and ertification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceed the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an

Acceptable assets are only

- US Gov't Securities Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange Real Property owned in fee simple in US: and
- 5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is **One Hundred Eighty (180) calendar days** upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages for delays beyond the established completion date will be assessed at the rate of **Three Hundred (US\$300.00)** for each and every day the work is delayed beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

JAMES A. ADA Secretary of Public Works

HERMAN S. SABLAN

programs or other happenings at the park, contact Pacific Historic Parks educaitt@nps.gov. (NPS)

registrations

tary School is now accepting registration for new and returning students for school guardians will need the following documents: updated health certificate (CHCC), updated student insurance/ Medicaid, birth certificate (new students), legal guardianship documents (if applicable/must be issued by a U.S. court system; affidavit and power of attorney do not apply). If legal guardianship documents were issued by a foreign court system, all documents must be translated and certified through a school to register. Contact the school at 664-3972 or

Office of the Mayor

Municipality of Tinian and Aguiguan P.O. Box 59 San Jose Village, Tinian, MP 96952 • Tel: (670) 433-1800 • Fax: (670) 433-1819

INVITATION TO BID ITB17-MOT-173 Tinian Lookout Observation Deck

Mayor of Tinian Joey Patrick San Nicolas is soliciting sealed bids for the Construction of the Tinian Lookout Observation Deck. The project package will be available on Wednesday, July 5, 2017 at the following locations: Tinian Mayor's Office, San Jose Village, Tinian; and the Tinian Liaison Office, Navy Hill Rd, Navy Hill, Saipan. A \$100.00 non-refundable fee for the project package will be assessed. All interested bidders are required to include an Insurer Certification Clearance (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC should be obtained at the Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, as revised through May 24, 2001. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

There will be a pre-bid conference and site inspection for this project on Monday, July 17, 2017, 10:00AM ChST at the Henry G. Hofschneider Conference Room at the Tinian Mayor's Office, San Jose Village, Tinian. Bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the project location and current condition. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 PM ChST, Friday, July 21, 2017 to the CIP Office, Office of the Governor, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, or faxed to (670) 664-2408. All responses to questions should be shared with other prospective contractors.

Sealed bids must be marked "ITB17-MOT-173: Tinian Lookout Observation Deck". For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 9:00 AM ChST Friday, August 4, 2017. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than 9-00 AM ChST Friday, August 4, 2017 and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515 or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For hidders located outside the CMMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than Friday, August 4, 2017 and must be received no later than Friday, August 11, 2017. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

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- US Government Securities
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- Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and

Performance time for completion of this project is Two Hundred Seventy (270) calendar days upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. The daily amount of liquidated damages shall be greater of (i) Two Hundred dollars (\$200.00) per day, or (ii) two percent (2%) of the contract price divided by One Hundred Fifty (150) calendar days, the contract time and wil cessed as delays beyond the established completion date.

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Herman S. Sablan Director, CNMI Procurement & Supply **8** WEDNESDAY, JULY 5, 2017

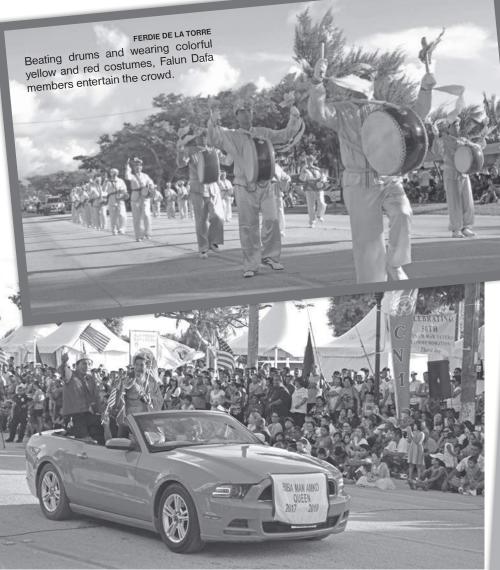
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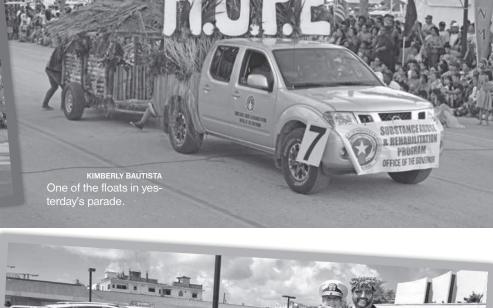
FERDIE DE LA TORRE
The Department of Community and Cultural Affairs' "giant hilitai" amazes the crowd, especially the children.



Wearing colorful costumes, young members of the Saipan Music and Dance Studio pose for a



The Man'amko King and Queen get their sweet ride in yesterday's parade. KIMBERLY BAUTISTA





IMPERIAL PACIFIC

From left, Gov. Ralph DLG. Torres, first lady Diann T. Torres, Imperial Pacific majority shareholder Margaret Cui Lijie, Lt. Gov. Victor B. Hocog, Saipan Mayor David M. Borja, and Imperial Pacific chairman Mark Brown gather at the reviewing stand to join the CNMI community in celebrating July 4.



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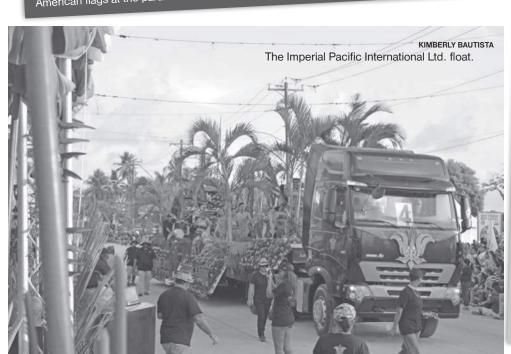
Day celebrations."

BEA CABRERA The children of the Saipan Awaodori Team entertain the crowd with their colorful costumes and excit-



DPS Commissioner Robert A. Guerrero and Police Lt. Anthony Macaranas pose with some officers that are making sure the parade is organized.







A man wearing the head of Saipan-da leads his group in performing for the crowd at yesterday's parade.



The winning float of Papago Lancheros.

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EDITORIAL

According to John Adams, we got the date wrong

By VINCENT FRALEY
THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER

he Fourth of July is celebrated as the official birthday of the United States. According to John Adams—an authority on the matter—we have the date wrong. While adjusting your tricorn hat, consider some lesser-known history about that steamy July week in 1776.

It was in fact two days prior, July 2, that delegates to the Continental Congress first took the plunge. In the then-State House, the body "Resolved: That these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent States, that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain is, and ought to be, totally dissolved."

Adams believed it was this date that future Americans would mark with fireworks and hip-hip-huzzahs.

"The Second Day of July 1776, will be the most memorable Epocha, in the History of America," the Founding Father wrote to his wife, Abigail, the following day. "I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated, by succeeding Generations, as the great anniversary Festival. ... It ought to be solemnized with Pomp and Parade, with Shews, Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other from this Time forward forever more."

So how did Philadelphians learn of the news? Dailies did not yet circulate. Lucky for readers of the thrice-weekly Pennsylvania Evening Post, the newspaper's printing schedule allowed for a last-minute scoop the night of July 2: "This day the Continental Congress declared the United Colonies Free and Independent States."

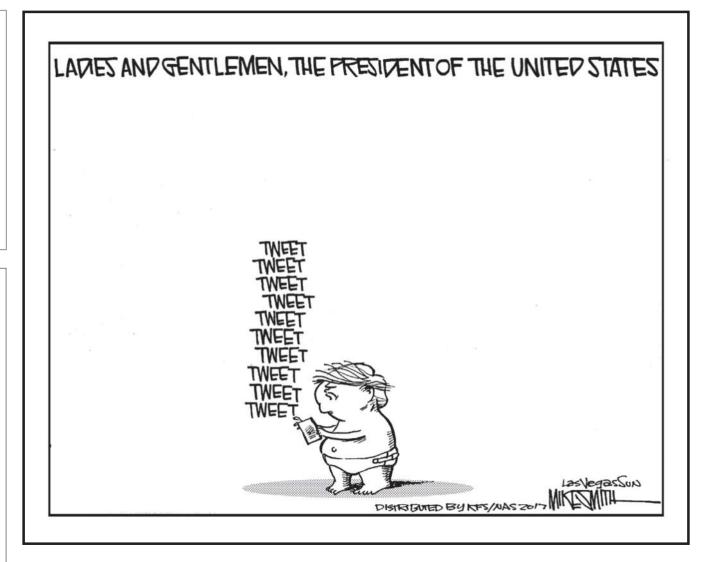
The Pennsylvania Gazette ran its headline the following morning. But that concerned the delegates' resolution, not the Declaration of Independence—the document—itself. Which brings us to why we celebrate July 4 as the country's DOB.

It was on this day that members of the Continental Congress "mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor," formally adopting the now-hallowed text.

John Dunlap, the body's official printer, received the document that evening with instructions to print 200 copies. These were earmarked primarily for governors (to be displayed at their state houses) and Continental Army officers (to be read aloud to soldiers in the field).

Printed news of the document emerged first in German. The Pennsylvanischer Staatsbote broke the story on July 5: "Yesterday the honorable Continental Congress declared the United Colonies free and independent states. The declaration is now in press in English; it is dated July 4, 1776,

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Trump's relationship with media is one of codependency

n the Saturday before the Fourth of July, Donald Trump tweeted, "My use of social media is not Presidential—it's MODERN DAY PRESIDENTIAL. Make America Great Again!"

I joked on Twitter that I thought this was a perfectly apt explanation for a real estate guy. After all, that's how President Trump spent much of his life, hawking condos by spinning downsides as upsides. In real estate jargon, an ad that boasts a "unique design" might actually mean "toilet in the kitchen." An "original" "fixer-upper" in an "up-and-coming neighborhood" might still have the chalk body outlines on bloodstained floors.

I shouldn't be recycling jokes from Twitter. But since so much of our national conversation is little more than sewage spillover from the sluices of the president's Twitter feed, I figured it was OK.

Besides, maybe the president is right. The professional Trump Explainers insist that we should take him seriously, not literally. But literalness is on his side here. He's the president. So he defines what's presidential.

It's the figurative defenses that are failing him. The standard justification of the president's tweets is that he's a "fighter" and a "counterpuncher" who needs to return fire on the "fake media." We'll return to the media in a moment, but this begs the question.

The people who say he has to fight and counterpunch take it as a given that this tactic is effective. Is it? What evidence is there that, say, his shabby attacks on Mika Brzezinski's "bleeding" facelift brush back the media like a pitcher delivering a little chin music? Is the argument really that media coverage of the Trump administration would be worse if not for his seemingly aphasic outbursts and insults?

"He's a fighter" and "He's a counterpuncher" are not serious arguments. They're simply euphemistic descriptions of his tendency to let his id run free like an escaped monkey from a cocaine study. (And not just on Twitter; his presence on the platform merely reflects his character.)

What does rise to the level of an argument is the claim that he's brilliantly controlling the media narrative. And he is. But the brilliance only emerges if you tautologically define winning as making the story about yourself, regardless of the story's con-

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tent. Heads will turn your way if you pour a bowl of hot soup in your lap. And if turning heads is your metric of success, well, voila.

An analysis by Axios found that just 2.5 percent of Trump's personal tweets in June (three out of 121) were about the White House's policy agenda. Just last week, the Trump administration had some

arguably major political, policy and legislative accomplishments. Can you name any of them? Probably not. But my guess is you can recount the details of his greatest hits on Twitter.

Which brings us to the media. On June 6 (D-Day, of all days) the president tweeted: "The FAKE MSM is working so hard trying to get me not to use Social Media. They hate that I can get the honest and unfiltered message out."

CNN's Jake Tapper correctly replied, "Fact Check: MSM eat up his tweets like Skittles. It's WH advisers, lawyers and Trump supporters who want him to stop tweeting."

Individual journalists such as Tapper notwithstanding, the media rival the president in their self-absorption and self-regard. If I give my dogs a choice between eating a bowl of hamburger or a bowl of kale, they won't even see it as a choice. Similarly, given the option of talking about good news for the administration or talking about themselves as heroic martyrs and truth-tellers persecuted by the president, they'll take the bait every time.

My National Review colleague Kevin Williamson makes a powerful case that the president needs media attention "the way a junkie needs his junk." I think that's irrefutable. But if attention is the junk, the media is the junkie's co-dependent junkie girlfriend. The dysfunction of the relationship only encourages both sides to boost the dosage and rationalize the addiction. The president's tweet of a stupid wrestling video depicting himself bludgeoning CNN wasn't a threat of violence against journalists. But covering it that way makes the high last longer for both junkies.

The simple truth: It was a churlish and juvenile outburst. But, hey, that's what passes for presidential these days.

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Guine, kase mauleg lokue' tagu'ot tatte pagamientun hegsu' I Deni' estake mana' guaha dañkulu na adelantu gi monedan familia siha gi enteru iya Marianas. I betsan niha manafofo'na ke publiku.

Pot mas ke 20 años manunug i asuntun kulan mohon gada' papaya ni madagau gi un' banda kinibrutu. Lau mahatsa sueddun niha mas ke 50 pot sientu. Estague` na rekueddu ginen i mangaige pa'gu gi hegsu' I Deni'!

Masuñgun ni publiku este na diskuidu mientras sige mapañot kumahulu` presiun nesessidat siha gi parehu na tiempu sin hatsadan sueddu. Buente mapopo'lu na makinan basula i linala' familia mina` mahasñgun ma-upus! Adahe na che`chu` kabron para uma-upus nesessidat publiku gi fache` sisonyan miserapble na pinepble.

Na ti man gai familia hamyu para in'li'e na parehu te'ug na pinadesi piot sa' mas ke 20 años ni in' letke este na asuntun lina-

Kuttura: Dispues de tafa` akustumbra usun una kosa, piot ya adelantu gi linala` linahyan, sige mona estake sumaga kumu patte gi kuttura-ta. I masimientu ya ma`ug mama` tradision tanu`.

Fangualu'an un' offisiu ni ma-embrasa ni man-antigu na mañaina-ta pot mantension familia. Entalu` tinanom yan pinegsai 'nai masusteni linala' familian natibu. Dispues man-hanau hit para i moseria. Adumididi` maliñgu gi espehos santatte hagas tradision tanu`.

Mas maliñgu gi hinalum mafanana'an "Digital Age," usun internet. Puru usun yemi' batunes 'nai todu manalag papapa' Matai konbetsasion kontodu hagas amtau na inatuñgu` familia gi lamasan sena. Mauleg in' atetuye umaregla este na patte gi

Siña ha' guaha na patte gi kutturata maliñgu gi halum guinaifen mañglu`. Poresu na presisu na este na asuntu un` komprende haf sustansian "maisa" sino "self". Guaha kada natibu dignoña para u gu-ot yan defende kutturaña kumu finañagun isla.

Kulan este inachoneg sensia: haye batbaru, hagu pat i ga`mu galagu? Gigon un' sedi kinalamot hau! Tohge ya un' defende hau sa` hagu mana`e titanos!

Mapunu` Malañgu: `Nos kuantos estados sumedi ma-ayudan malañgu ni sala1 chenotña matai ni mafanana'an "assisted suicide". 'An konfotme i malañgu madulog ni mediku ya matai gi halum una ora dimas de u famadesi mas.

Este na disision guaha 'nai mattu ginen kompanian insurans (insurance) 'nai ti malagu' man-apase mas setbisiun mediku gi malañgu pot guaguan. Ma-rekomenda dulog deskansu. Dañkulu na estotbu este na disision bisnis insurans.

Saina: I primet maestron yan maestran famaguon i dos saina gi

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and will be published today or tomorrow."

German speakers were also the first Philadelphians privy to the document's full text. Printers Melchior Steiner and Charles Cist published it as a broadside on the morning of July 6, beating even John Dunlap's own Pennsylvania Packet.

In a time of limited literacy, many of the city's citizenry first heard the text of the Declaration on July 8. Heralded by the "old bell," residents gathered in the State House Yard as Lt. Col. John Nixon delivered the document's first public reading in "a voice clear and distinct enough to be heard in the garden of Mr. Norris' house on the east side of Fifth Street."

As to the crowd's reaction to the news, consider newspaper reports of their actions that evening: "... our late King's Coat of Arms was brought from the Hall in the State House, where the said King's Courts were formerly held, and burnet amidst the acclamations of a crowd of spectators."

But Nixon was not reading from the document now residing in the National Archives. The now-famous signatures adorning that parchment copy were not affixed until Aug. 2, perhaps another deserving date lost in the Fourth of July shuffle.

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gima'. Ginen siha 'nai man-eyag liñguahe, kuttura yan modun che 'chu' echu tautau. Estague` na obligasion gaige gi dos sainan guma`.

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Kulan mohon matanum simiyan flores gi hatdin niha. 'Nai man-lachog sige ma-assiste pot para u fan manogcha'. Ayu na patte 'nai ti doku' i simiya madisembra. Che'chu' un' mauleg yan fitme na saina.

Tinayuyot: Gi un` finagpu` misan Mother's Day estaba un` palao'an mananaita gi halum taduñg na tinayuyot. Asolas, ha sausau mataña dispues ha kontinua manaitai mientras sige

Kulan makat asuntoña mina` ti hu estotba. 'Nai umasoda ham dispues, ilegña i prohima na ume'emahalañgue' as nanaña pot desde ke man-famaguon siha man-diniñgu.

Hu pasensiaye umakonseha na cha'ña despreressia si nanaña. Mit grasia na bendision 'an ha onra maseha taigue desde pinatgoña. Tinagu` i Saina onru gi mañainata.

Hu soyu` na u gagau na u pinipet ni Saina ginen halum tanu` pinitiña ya u finanu'e manana. U faisen lokue' si Santa Maria kau siñague` umapu` pot bendision hinimidde, pinasensia yan minesñgun.

Ilegña dispues gi otru biahen umasoda' mame, "Tat mas ma'ug na akonsehu ke fino'mu ya magahet na i inañgogho-hu as Santa Maria hu polu kumu nanahu esta i finataihu." Puti ayu na ora 'nai pinalolo'pu' manadan kuestion. ***

Kariñosu: Gi un' tiempu in' bisita asolas gi uttimun semana mañainan mame giya Matansa. In` dalalag si Ta Iku para i lanchoña gi papa' iya Kalabera. In' ayuda muna'chochun manog yan babue. Hana' tunog dispues tibaña ya in' chage dididi'. Ha

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pega gi kestat dos poya yan tandan para katdun i gima`.

Todu i finu' dos amku' motmut pinasensia. Ni unu sumeha umakonseha ham haf mauleg. Tai malefaghu nui palabran amtau na akonsehu siha.

Likidu este na puntu kase pot sessu man-mamatrata ham kulan esklabu. Esta pa'gu mafattu magof na matan niha i dos amku` `an hu totpi humuñgog este na palabra i konkariñu: Si Ta Iku yan Nan Epa'

Gi ge`lichan Tanapag i hagas guma` mañainan mame as Tun Pablo yan Nan Nena'. Sige ham man-o'mag gi tasi mientras manalalagu i amotsan talo'ane entre tininun katne, guihan, lemai yan sinetnan sunen agaga'. Man-mañge' mañaina!

Chenot: Humanau i amiguhu mariseta ni mediku pot putin pechu. 'Nai umali'e ham hu faisen haf' pinadesisiña. Ilegña na korason. Hu ñañgon kau ha inklulusu korasoña, korason asaguaña yan korason achagma'ña?

Saipan is one of the great overlooked turning points of World War II

By LARYY THORNBURY

o the extent that Americans know much about the island campaigns in the Pacific Theater of World War II—which isn't nearly as much as they should—some campaigns are better known than others because they've received more attention from authors, documentary makers, TV history film producers, and feature movie makers. Probably the best known are Coral Sea and Midway, Guadalcanal, Iwo Jima, and Okinawa. All of these victories were critical Pacific turning points, all purchased at great cost in the lives of Americans and those of our allies.

Less well known than those listed above are the bloody campaigns for Saipan and Tinian. The relative neglect is hardly justified by the Islands' military importance. Air bases on Saipan and Tinian put Japan itself, just 1200 miles away, within range of America's new super bomber, the B-29, with its amazing-forthe-time range of 3300 miles. The strategic bombing campaign that did so much to convince Japan to surrender began from these islands. The nuclear bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, which finally put paid to Japan's militaristic domination of the Pacific, were delivered by B-29s flying out of Tinian.

"When we lost Saipan, hell was upon us," Fleet Admiral Osami Nagano, supreme naval adviser to the Emperor, said. Vice Admiral Shigeyosh Miwa, commander of the Japanese submarine force that attacked Pearl Harbor, was even more precise after the war: "Our war was lost with the loss of Saipan. It meant that the United States could cut off our shipping and attack our

The landings at Saipan took place on June 15 of 1944, a little more than a week after the allied D-Day landings in Normandy. It took until July 9 for the 2nd and 4th Marine divisions and the Army's 27th Infantry Division to dislodge the 30,000-man Japanese force on the island. Much longer than Marine and Army intelligence estimated it would take to secure the island against a much larger force than was thought to be there.

American losses in the campaign were high, Japanese losses even higher. Deaths among the civilian inhabitants of the island were also high as the Japanese used them for human shields and they lied to the natives about horrific things Americans would do to them if they were captured. Because of this many of them committed suicide by jumping off high cliffs onto rocks below rather than be taken and protected by Americans.

Japanese soldiers, including those on Saipan, were well trained, tenacious, and under orders to fight to the bitter end. They did. Of the 30,000 defenders, only 921 were taken prisoner. Many of the Japanese were killed in pointless Banzai attacks on July 7 and 8. Pointless because by then the Japanese military situation on the island was hopeless. But they were ordered to attack anyway, in the certain hope of death and defeat. Many American Marines and soldiers paid the ultimate price for this suicidal exercise in Japanese honor.

While American Marines and soldiers were capturing Saipan, a second event took place that put an end to Japan's ability to engage in major naval air actions. In what is known formally as the Battle of the Philippine Sea, informally as the Great Marianas Turkey Shoot, American Navy fighters, mostly Hellcats, shot down more than 400 Japanese planes to the loss of fewer than 100 American planes (most of these lost because they had to ditch in the sea after running out of fuel returning from a long mission—only about 20 could be identified as being shot down by Japanese aircraft). American planes also sank three more Japanese aircraft carriers. As a result of the crippling Japanese losses in this two-day battle, the Pacific was ever after essentially an American pond. The "mop-up" after these signal victories took a year and was bloody. But the ultimate outcome was never more in doubt, absent the miracle that never came for the Japanese.

After Saipan was secured, the battle of Tinian was also brutal, but shorter and against a smaller Japanese garrison. Within a few weeks after American forces landed there, about 500 B-29s were operating out of the island.

Through the use of official records, individual's diaries and correspondence, as well as interviews with some of the survivors, author and journalist Bill Sloan paints a vivid big- and small-picture account of those hellish days. We see the campaigns through the eyes of individual G.I.s, from privates to generals. Sloan has written more than a dozen books, including five about the Pacific theater in World War II.

On the week that we celebrate when America established itself, perhaps it's a good time to read about and celebrate those who have given up so much to ensure that we stay independent.

An online version of this article is at https://spectator.org/the-beginning-of-the-end-for-japan/.

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The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

FRIDAY



₹78°

Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms Fast

winds 10 to 15 mph

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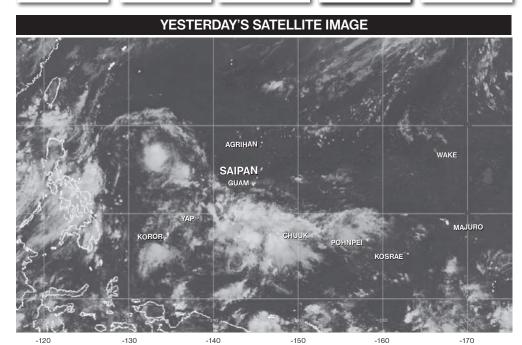
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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Cloudiness and showers south of Guam are expected to move away westward early this morning, leaving partly cloudy skies and isolated showers today through Wednesday as dry mid-level air moves over. Moisture increases again Wed night, leading to the return of isolated thunderstorms Thursday through Saturday night. Moderate trades and combined seas of 4-6 ft will persist the next couple of days, with 6 ft seas well east of the islands. By Friday night or Saturday, winds should fall to gentle with seas down to 3-4 ft. The rip risk will remain moderate until east swell diminishes Thursday night.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

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Yap	Thunderstorms	85° / 79°
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	87° / 79°
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	86° / 77°
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	86° / 77°
Majuro	Thunderstorms	85° / 80°

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Auckland	Rain	61° / 52°
Beijing	Thunderstorms	82° / 73°
Hong Kong	Thunderstorms	88° / 82°
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	86° / 74°
London	Mostly Cloudy	79° / 61°
Los Angeles	Sunny	79° / 63°
Manila	Partly Cloudy	90° / 79°
Melbourne	Mostly Sunny	57° / 43°
Miami	Mostly Sunny	87° / 81°
New York	Sunny	80° / 66°
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	84° / 73°
Paris	Partly Cloudy	81° / 61°
Busan	Thunderstorms	81° / 73°
Rome	Sunny	93° / 68°
Salem	Thunderstorms	92° / 73°
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	61° / 55°
Seoul	Thunderstorms	82° / 75°
Tokyo	Thunderstorms	81° / 72°
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	88° / 73°



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UA6390	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6
UA6398	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily
UA6396	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

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Business

Christie among the lucky few with state-owned vacation homes

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Most governors couldn't get caught in a brouhaha like the one surrounding New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, because his state is one of only a handful with a state-owned vacation home for its chief executive.

A look at the home and others like it around the U.S.:

NEW JERSEY

Christie was criticized for sunning himself with his family at Island Beach State Park, which was closed to the public because he initiated a government shutdown.

Christie, a Republican, defended his use of the beach. saying he had previously announced his vacation plans and the media had simply "caught a politician keeping his word." He says he wasn't using any additional state services this weekend beyond the governor's Ocean House, a five-bedroom, three-bathroom home hidden behind greenery



along the park's main road.

The cedar-shingled Cape Cod-style home was constructed by steel magnate Henry Phipps, a partner of

Andrew Carnegie. Phipps had bought the park property in 1926 to turn it into an exclusive seashore resort. Only three large homes were built

before the 1929 stock market crash halted construction. Phipps died the next year.

In 1953, the state bought the Phipps estate and additional land to preserve the island's natural beauty and create a recreation area. Island Beach opened as a state park in 1959.

For most of the year, Christie and his family live in their own home and have chosen not to live in the governor's mansion in Princeton.

ALABAMA

The state is finishing renovations to its beachfront governor's mansion, built on property donated to the state in 1962 for use as an executive mansion. Governors beginning with George C. Wallace used the six-bedroom, four-

was badly damaged by Hurricane Danny in 1997. The house is being renovated with BP grant money left over from the 2010 Gulf oil spill, and the state has said it plans to use the mansion for economic development events once the work is done. It's on the Fort Morgan peninsula near Gulf Shores.

MICHIGAN

The Michigan governor's summer residence on Mackinac Island is a three-story home on a bluff overlooking the Straits of Mackinac. It was built as a summer cottage for a Chicago attorney and bought by the Mackinac Island State Park Commission in 1944, according to the state. The 7,100-square-foot residence has 11 bedrooms. Thousands bath house on and off until it of people tour the first floor

In this Sunday, July 2, 2017, photo, New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, right, uses the beach with his family and friends at the governor's summer house at Island Beach State Park in New

each summer, and the governor hosts events there with national and state leaders. Republican Gov. Rick Snyder visited the summer residence six times last year, his press office said Monday.

NORTH CAROLINA

North Carolina's governors wanting a getaway have one waiting about 250 miles west of the state capital in Raleigh, a 6,000-square-foot, contemporary split-level home on a mountain overlooking Asheville and other Appalachian peaks. The home and the 18acre grounds complete with roaming bears and outdoor terraces were donated to the state in 1964 by Asheville's chamber of commerce.

A nonprofit group rents out the house and grounds to dozens of civic organizations through the year, generating income that leaves taxpayers responsible for about half the \$15,500 annual maintenance costs. Former U.S. Rep. Gabby Giffords, who was shot and seriously wounded in Arizona in 2011, recuperated there while she was seeing an Asheville-area physician.

Democratic Gov. Roy Cooper and his family are staying at the western mansion, through the Fourth of July, a spokesman said Monday. His wife visited with staff in March and June while attending official events.

Stressed-out worker needs new mindset to land new job

Q: After starting my new job, I realized that I'd made a serious mistake. My manager argues about everything and only communicates through email, even though she sits 3 feet from my desk. Instead of just turning around and speaking, "Debra" will actually email me that we need to talk.

Debra lies to management about project delays, blaming employees for her mistakes. She has thrown me under the bus so many times that I'm surprised I'm still standing. Her boss has completely checked out and spends most of his time on his private consulting business. He specifically told us not to bother him with our problems.

Although I'm looking for another job, I haven't found one yet. I can't bring my best self to the interviews because this place just keeps ried. So what do I do now?

A: Your description makes this sound like an impossible dilemma. Your manager is incompetent, her boss doesn't give a care and you're too distraught to be an effective applicant. If the stress from this job prevents you from finding a new one, you will obviously be stuck forever.

Therefore, the initial step toward a solution is to change vour view of this situation. By getting appointments

YOUR OFFICE COACH

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with potential employers,

you have actually succeeded

with the first half of the job

search process. Now you just

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need to learn how to ace the interviews. Instead of blaming interview failures on workplace stress, begin "bringing your best self" by studying effective interview techniques. Present a professional image, show enthusiasm for the position, be ready to answer common questions. And

never, ever complain to an

interviewer about your cur-

Q: One of my co-workers is not pleasant to be around. "Laura" regularly coughing fits that cause her to hack up a lot of phlegm. Because six of us work in one big cubicle, we hear her coughing attacks throughout the day. Our manager says he can't do anything because it's probably a medical condition.

Recently, during a group lunch, Laura had a particularly bad episode. She never apologized but just cleaned up the mess with napkins. She left them sitting in a pile on the table while the rest of us tried to eat. Although everyone was completely grossed out, no one said anything to her. What can we do about this situation?

A: You certainly win the prize for most disgusting question of the year. Regarding the restaurant incident, ignoring one embarrassing episode was kind. But if Laura repeats this behavior, someone should politely ask ner to excuse herself whenever she feels an attack is imminent. Should she fail to comply, it might be time to stop inviting her to lunch.

As for your boss, he definitely has some options. He could justifiably ask Laura to head for the restroom when she feels a hacking fit coming on. Or if the coughing is continual, he might move her to a less-crowded area. Claiming to be powerless may simply be his way of avoiding an uncomfortable conversation.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Interpol president calls for unity in facing cyberattacks

SINGAPORE (AP)—Countries and law enforcement agencies must work together to counter rising threats, especially those in cyberspace, the president of Interpol told a security congress on Tuesday. In a wide-ranging speech, Meng Hongwei cited the recent outbreak of ransomware Wanna-Cry, which has scrambled data at hospitals, factories, banks, government agencies and other businesses in Asia and beyond. "Criminals will continue to exploit the exponential growth of the internet and social communication platforms," said Meng, a top Chinese police official. "However, no single country or profession can rely solely upon its own capability to address the

problem of transnational and organized crimes. We are all part of the world. We are all facing the same threats in (the) international arena," Meng said. Meng's election to lead Interpol set off alarm bells among rights advocates over abuses and a lack of transparency within China's legal system. His speech Tuesday was one of his first public appearances. Lyon, France-based Interpol has 190 member nations and has the power to issue "red notices," the closest instrument to an international arrest warrant in use today.

Watchdog says Chinese town is major ivory smuggling hub

HONG KONG (AP)—An watchdog environmental group says its investigation has found that a little-known town in southern China is a major hub for ivory smuggling by organized criminal gangs. The Washington, D.C.-based Environmental Investigation Agency said in a report Tuesday that it uncovered a network of ivory trafficking syndicates operating out of Shuidong in Guangdong province, near Hong Kong. The group says its investigators worked undercover posing as buyers to win the trust of a smuggling group and tracked one of its shipments from Mozambique. Syndicate members told the EIA theirs was just one of 10-20 ivory trafficking groups operating out of Shuidong, the group said. They claimed that 80 percent of all poached ivory smuggled from Africa to China passes through the town—a startling figure that's impossible to corroborate.

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Nation

US marks Independence Day with pomp, dazzle, hot dog contest

NEW YORK (AP)—Americans are celebrating their country's birthday Tuesday with big-time fireworks, small-town parades and the quirky spectacle of competitive hot dog eating, marking a day of shared traditions in a nation that has grappled with divides this past year.

In New York, throngs are expected to watch the annual Macy's fireworks blowout and the Nathan's Famous frankfurter-chomping contest on Coney Island on July Fourth. In Washington, President Donald Trump is observing his first Independence Day in office by hosting a White House picnic for military families, followed by a fireworks viewing event for military families and staffers.

In Boston, one of 14 original copies of the Declaration of Independence will be displayed at a museum, and hundreds of thousands of people are expected at the city's fireworks show. Organizers of Chicago's Independence Day celebration are expecting such large crowds that the city's Navy Pier is opening at 10 a.m., nearly 12 hours before fireworks begin.

Meanwhile, more than 15,000 new citizens will be sworn in during more than 65 Day-themed Independence naturalization ceremonies across the country.

For all the pomp and celebration, July 4 arrives with Americans deeply split over the nation's direction, after last year's presidential election and political clashes over immigration, health care and oth-



er issues in the early months of Trump's Republican administration. And in an era of concerns about security, the Independence Day celebrations are mixed with precautions.

The New York Police Department planned to station

tions and 20 sand-filled sanitation trucks to fortify viewing areas for the Macy's fireworks show. Heavily armed counterterrorism units will mingle among spectators, officers will have portable radiation detection devices and bomb-sniffing dogs, and officers will be stationed on rooftops to look out for any sign of trouble.

Boston police also plan to put trucks and other heavy equipment near the celebration there. Police in both cities say

there are no confirmed threats.

In a somber observance of the toll of terror, small American flags will be placed by all the nearly 3,000 names on the National Sept. 11 Memorial in New York

Meanwhile, residents of La-

not have had a Fourth of July parade if a resident hadn't stepped in to organize it after learning it was facing cancellation for lack of interest. Some 25 organizations have since signed up to provide floats or marchers.

Taxi jumps curb near airport in 'accident'; 10 cabbies hurt

BOSTON (AP)—A taxi crashed into a group of cab drivers near the city's airport on Monday, injuring 10 people in what police said appeared to be a "tragic accident."

The driver's vehicle jumped a curb Monday afternoon and struck a group of people gathered at an outdoor break area for cabbies. The area, known as the cab pool, is where drivers wait until they are called to pick up passengers at various locations around Logan International Airport.

A police official said it appears the driver mistakenly pressed the gas pedal instead of the brake and it's believed to be a case of "operator error." The official was not authorized to comment on the record and spoke to The Associated Press on the condition of anonymity.

The driver, who's from Cambridge, just west of Boston across the Charles River, remained at the scene, was interviewed by state police troopers and was allowed to leave after the interview, state police said. There was no information to suggest the crash was intentional, they said, and no charges were filed.

The crash briefly raised fears of terrorism akin to attacks in Britain and Nice, France. But state police Maj. Frank McGinn said there "does not appear at this time to be any indication of an intentional act, but more just a tragic accident."

The cab was seized for further investigation.

Authorities did not immediately identify the driver but said he is employed by Metro Cab. An employee who answered the phone at the company declined to comment and would not release any details about the driver.

McGinn said the driver has no history of driving violations.

"He is known to be a very nice gentleman to his peers," McGinn said.

Another cab driver, Abdias Pierre, said those injured all appeared to be cabbies. He said drivers play cards and dominoes at tables in the break area.

The injuries ranged from minor to severe, authorities said. The injured people were taken to several hospitals for treatment.

The cab pool was closed after the crash but reopened a couple of hours later. Shortly before the crash, a Twitter account for the cab pool reported there were 300 taxis there.

A spokeswoman for Massachusetts Port Authority, which owns the airport, did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

Trump criticizes Kim Jong Un after latest missile launch

WASHINGTON (AP)— President Donald Trump criticized North Korean leader Kim Jong Un on Monday after that country's latest missile launch, asking, "Does this guy have anything better to do with his life?"

Trump wrote on Twitter that it's "Hard to believe that South Korea ... and Japan will put up with this much longer."

And he urged North Korea's biggest ally, China, to "put a heavy move on North Korea and end this nonsense once and for all!"

South Korean officials said early Tuesday that North Korea had launched another ballistic missile toward Japan, part of a string of recent test-firings as the North works to build a nuclear-tipped missile that could reach the United States.

The Defense Department said U.S. Pacific Command detected and tracked the launch of a land-based, intermediate range ballistic missile from North Korea's Panghyon Airfield. The missile was tracked for 37 minutes and landed in the Sea of Japan.

Shortly before Trump's tweets, the White House said he had been briefed on the South Korean report.

The missile launch comes as the Trump administration has displayed increasing frustration with China's reluctance to put more pressure on North Korea. Last week, the U.S. blacklisted a small Chinese bank over its business ties with North Korea.

The White House said Trump brought up the North Korean missile program during a phone call Sunday with Chinese President Xi Jinping.

Chinese state media reported that Xi warned Trump that "some negative factors" are hurting U.S.-China relations.

The New York Times, citing anonymous administration officials, reported Monday that Trump told Xi the U.S. was ready to act on its own against North Korea.

A senior U.S. official told foreign policy experts last week that the U.S. has made clear to China that Chinese banks and companies conducting business with Pyongyang will face sanctions if there is no movement on North Korea's nuclear activities, a participant in the meeting told The Associated Press. The individual wasn't authorized to speak publicly on the matter and asked that his name and that of the senior official be withheld.

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N. Korea launches possibly most successful missile test yet

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—North Korea conducted what may be its most successful missile test yet on Tuesday, firing an intermediate-range weapon that could be powerful enough to reach Alaska. It's Pyongyang's latest step in a push for nuclear weapons capable of hitting any part of the United States.

While some details are still unclear, the launch seems designed to send a political warning to Washington and its chief Asian allies, Seoul and Tokyo, even as it allows North Korean scientists a chance to perfect their still-incomplete nuclear missile program. It came on the eve of the U.S. Independence Day holiday, days after the first face-to-face meeting of the leaders of South Korea and the United States, and ahead of a global summit of the world's richest economies.

UNITED NATIONS (AP)— China's U.N. ambassador is warning that further escalation of tensions with North Korea risks getting out of control "and the consequences would be disastrous."



Liu Jieyi told a news conference Monday that China hopes key nations will be "more forthcoming" and support its three-part proposal to de-escalate tensions by reviving negotiations with North Korea and achieving denuclearization, peace and stability on the Korean Peninsula.

He said "we cannot afford to wait for too long without dialogue taking place."

North Korea's U.N. Ambassador Kim In Ryong said last week that the more than 50-year confrontation between North Korea and the United States came closer to the brink of nuclear war than ever before when the U.S. and South Korea held military exercises in April and

May.

Officials say the missile fired from North Phyongan province, in the North's western region, flew for about 40 minutes, which would be longer than any other similar tests previously reported, and covered about 930 kilometers (580 miles). South Korean analysts say it's likely that it was a retest of one of two intermediate-range missiles launched earlier this year.

Once U.S. missile scientist, David Wright, estimated that the missile, if the reported time and distance are correct, could have a possible maximum range of 6,700 kilometers (4,160 miles), which could put Alaska in its range if fired at a normal trajectory.

North Korea has a reliable arsenal of shorter-range missiles, but is still trying to perfect its longer-range missiles. Some analysts believe North Korea has the technology to arm its short-range missiles with nuclear warheads, but it's unclear if it has mastered the technology needed to build an atomic bomb that can fit on a long-range missile. It has yet

People past a public TV screen broadcasting news of North Korea's ballistic missile which landed in the waters of Japan's economic zone (EEZ) in Tokyo, Tuesday, July 4, 2017.

to test an ICBM, though it has previously conducted longrange satellite launches that critics say are covers meant to test missile technology.

President Donald Trump responded on Twitter: "North Korea has just launched another missile. Does this guy have anything better to do with his life? Hard to believe that South Korea and Japan will put up with this much longer. Perhaps China will put a heavy move on North Korea and end this nonsense once and for all!"

"This guy" presumably refers to North Korean leader Kim Jong Un. China is North Korea's economic lifeline and only major ally, and the Trump administration is pushing Beijing to do more to push the North toward disarmament.

Japanese Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga suggested the altitude of this missile might have been higher than earlier tests. He did not give further details, including the distance of the flight and where the missile landed.

Just last week South Korean President Moon Jae-in and U.S. President Donald Trump met for the first time and vowed to oppose North Korea's development of atomic weapons.

Doubts arise over Chinese Nobel winner's inability to travel

BEIJING (AP)—A friend of imprisoned Chinese Nobel Peace laureate Liu Xiaobo doubts the government's claims that the ailing dissident is too sick to leave the country, in part because of a video in which Liu is described as being in "acceptable" condition.

Whether Liu is able to travel is a key question in any negotiations for his possible release from a Chinese hospital. The U.S. and European Union have been calling on Beijing to allow China's most famous political prisoner to choose where he wants to be treated for late-stage liver cancer.

Shang Baojun, Liu's former lawyer, has said Chinese officials have told Liu's family members that his health was too poor to allow him to travel.

However, Liu's friend, political dissident Hu Jia, said Monday a video that emerged on YouTube over the weekend appeared to indicate that Liu was in stable condition. Medical experts were seen saying that Liu's treatment plan was going smoothly.

"Currently, his situation is acceptable," an unidentified male doctor in a white coat was seen saying in the video, which did not include any images of Liu and was dated Wednesday.

A separate photo that's been circulating online showed Liu holding a bowl and being spoon-fed by his wife, Liu Xia. He did not appear to be hooked up to life-support.

"Based on the videos and the photo, we know for sure that his conditions have not deteriorated," Hu said. "There's no question that Liu Xiaobo can travel."

William Fingleton, spokesman for the European Union delegation in China, said EU diplomats met with a Chinese vice minister of justice on Friday regarding Liu's treatment. Fingleton did not provide details on the discussion.

In a statement released later Friday, the EU's foreign policy chief, Federica Mogherini, urged China to immediately grant Liu parole on humanitarian grounds, citing Liu's deteriorating health.

Mogherini also said that China should "allow him to receive medical assistance at a place of his choosing in China or overseas," and that Liu and his wife should be free to communicate with the outside world.

On past occasions, China has released political prisoners on grounds of ill health and immediately sent them into exile abroad.

Marawi hostages forced to loot cash, guns, gold

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—The Philippine military said Monday that militants aligned with the Islamic State group who seized parts of a southern city forced hostages to loot millions in cash, firearms, ammunition, gold and jewelry from houses and business establishments.

At least 10 hostages who separately escaped from the militants two weeks ago disclosed the looting the gunmen forced them to undertake in Marawi, the military said in a statement, adding that the captives were forced to convert to Islam and threatened with death if they refused.

The hostages stole about 500 million pesos (\$10 million) in cash, along with unspecified items, during the lootings, which were supervised by the gunmen and allied criminal gangs, the military said. The gunmen promised the captives cash rewards and were allowed lunch breaks be-

tween looting sprees.

"They believe that the amount of cash and valuable items looted could be worth more as there were several other groups being forced by terrorists to loot and steal for them," the military said. The stolen items were stored in a mosque.

The military claim, which could not be confirmed immediately, is the latest criminal allegation by the government against the militants, who laid siege May 23 on the business district and outlying communities of Marawi, a center of Islamic faith in the predominantly Roman Catholic Philippines.

The violence has left at least 459 people dead, including 336 militants, 84 soldiers and policemen, and 39 civilians. At least eight foreign fighters are believed to be among the dead in the fierce fighting, which has forced more than 300,000 residents of Marawi and nearby towns to flee to safety and turned much of the

lakeside city into ghost towns.

After more than a month of offensives, troops have regained 15 of 19 villages besieged by the militants, with fewer than 100 gunmen holding an unspecified number of hostages still putting up a fight, military officials said.

The militants intend to "die in the main battle area," army spokesman Lt. Col. Jo-ar Herrera told reporters, citing intercepted militant communications.

Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana said the leader of the militants, Isnilon Hapilon, may still be in Marawi, citing intelligence security forces obtained Monday. Other news reports say Hapilon has sneaked out of Marawi.

"There is information we got this morning that he is hiding in one of the mosques there in Marawi," Lorenzana said at a news conference in Manila.

Three militants may have slipped from the city a week

ago to the southern island of Basilan, where Hapilon is based, but he himself has not been sighted by government informants, Lorenzana said.

Hapilon has been reportedly designated by the Islamic State group as its leader in Southeast Asia. He is on Washington's list of most-wanted terrorists, with a \$5 million bounty on his head.

Lorenzana said displaced residents will be allowed to go back to cleared areas of the city, with the government assisting in the rebuilding of their homes, and to other areas as soon as the fighting stops. But he said some 1,500 homes still need to be cleared of explosives and soldiers are able to clear only 70 to 100 homes a day.

The rebuilding of the city's business district may also take more time and funds because it has been badly damaged by military airstrikes on militant positions and the torching of buildings and houses by the gunmen.

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World

Vatican hospital calls AP investigation into care a 'hoax'

ROME (AP)—When doctors and nurses at the Vatican's showcase children's hospital complained in 2014 that corners were being cut and medical protocols ignored, the Vatican responded by ordering up a secret in-house investigation. The diagnosis: The original mission of "the pope's hospital" had been lost and was "today more aimed at profit than on caring for children."

Three years later, an Associated Press investigation found that Bambino Gesu (Baby Jesus) Pediatric Hospital did indeed shift its focus in ways big and small under its past administration, which governed from 2008 to 2015. As the hospital expanded services and tried to make a moneylosing Vatican enterprise turn a profit, children sometimes paid the price.

Among the AP's findings:

- Overcrowding and poor hygiene contributed to deadly infection, including one 21-month superbug outbreak in the cancer ward that killed eight children.
- To save money, disposable equipment and other materials were at times used improperly, with a one-time order of cheap needles breaking when injected into tiny veins.
- Doctors were so pressured to maximize operatingroom turnover that patients were sometimes brought out of anesthesia too quickly.

Some of the issues—such as early awakening and the focus on profits—had been



identified in 2014 by the Vatican-authorized task force of current and former hospital doctors, nurses, administrators and outsiders, who spent three months gathering information and interviewing staff offcampus. The AP corroborated those findings through interviews with more than a dozen current and former Bambino Gesu employees, as well as patients, their families and health officials. The AP reviewed medical records, civil court rulings, hospital and Vatican emails, and five years of union complaints.

Vincenzo Di Ciommo Lau-

rora, a retired Bambino Gesu epidemiologist, described the hospital's past culture this way: "The more you do to a patient, the more money you bring in. You have to produce, produce, produce,"

Bambino Gesu denied the AP's findings in a statement Monday, calling the AP report a "hoax" and threatening legal action. It said the AP report "contained false, dated and gravely defamatory accusations and conjectures that had been denied by an independent report of the Holy See."

That report, by an American team, spent three days at

the hospital in 2015 and "disproved" all the allegations in the first report, except that there wasn't enough space.

The Vatican, for its part, denied there were any "serious threats" to children at the hospital, though it said it welcomed efforts to improve care, "including reports of practices that might be below standard."

Vatican spokesman Greg Burke acknowledged the Vatican had investigated staff complaints at the hospital but also pointed to the follow-up three-day clinical visit that determined they were "unfounded."

tent camp near Qab Elias

town into "ashes." He said

In this Thursday, Dec. 15, 2016 file photo, Pope Francis greets children from the Vatican's Bambino Gesu Pediatric Hospital.

lems detailed by the AP were extremely worrying if true: "These are inexcusable violations of children's rights." He called for an "independent audit by child health care experts not connected in any way to either the Vatican or even Italy."

Founded in 1869 to treat poor children, Bambino Gesu (Baby Jesus) is now the main pediatric hospital serving southern Italy. In 2015, the 607-bed facility performed over 26,000 surgical procedures—more than a third of all children's operations nationwide. It draws top-notch surgeons to work there and celebrity visits, including U.S. First Lady Melania Trump in May.

Perched on a hillside just up the road from Vatican City, the hospital's main campus enjoys extraterritorial status, making the Italian taxpayer-funded institution immune to the surprise inspections that other Italian hospitals undergo.

Newborn latest victim of Rio de Janeiro's surging violence

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP)— Arthur was still inside his mother's womb when he became Rio de Janeiro's latest victim of gun violence.

"No hospital is perfect, but

it is false and unjust to suggest

that there are serious threats to

the health of children at Bam-

medical ethics at NYU School

of Medicine, said the prob-

Arthur Caplan, head of

bino Gesu," he said.

His mother, Claudineia dos Santos Melo, was almost nine months pregnant when she was hit by a stray bullet from a shootout in a Rio slum on June 30. During an emergency cesarean section doctors discovered that a bullet had also hit Arthur, damaging his lungs and spine.

Doctors say the mother is in stable, non-life threatening condition while her newborn is clinging to life in a case that has shocked Brazilians and underscored surging gun violence in Rio.

"We had never seen this before," Rafael Lopes, the head surgeon at the Moacyr Rodrigues de Carmo hospital where Arthur was delivered, said during a press conference Monday.

Doctors said it was a miracle Arthur was still alive, breathing with the help of machines and currently paraplegic, though they added it was too soon to say if he would remain so forever.

According to Fogo Cruza-do," or "Crossfire," a free app

created by Amnesty International Brazil, there have been an average of 13 shootings a day in

tional Brazil, there have been an average of 13 shootings a day in the Rio metropolitan area over the past 11 months. Most of the shootings occur in hillside slums controlled by drug gangs.

On the same day Melo was shot, a mother and daughter

shot, a mother and daughter were killed in the Mangueira favela near the iconic Maracana stadium as police and criminals exchanged fire for over three hours. Marlene Maria da Conceicao, 76, was shot in the doorway of her home. Her 42-year-old daughter, Ana Cristina da Conceicao, was also hit when she tried to help her mother.

"The state government has abandoned the communities," said Mangueira community leader Washington Fortunato at the women's funeral.

Last year, 920 people died during police raids or patrols in Rio state according to its Public Security Institute. This year's figure is up by almost 60 percent over 2016.

"I hope no family has to go through what we are going through because it is too painful," said Arthur's uncle, Walter de Melo, as he accompanied the speechless father to register the child.

WORLD BRIEFS

Venezuelan opposition sets symbolic vote on new constitution

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)—Venezuela's opposition said Monday it will hold a symbolic referendum to give voters the opportunity to reject President Nicolas Maduro's plans to rewrite the constitution. The plan announced by National Assembly President Julio Borges is a dramatic escalation of the opposition's effort to fight Maduro's proposal. Borges said that the vote would be held July 16two weeks before Maduro is asking Venezuelans to go to the polls to choose delegates for a special assembly to overhaul the charter. "We want the people to decide," Borges told a crowd of opposition leaders gathered in eastern Caracas. "Today we're united in a single bloc to defend our constitution."

Protests against Maduro have swept across Venezuela the past three months, leaving at least 80 people dead and hundreds more jailed or injured, and the opposition-controlled legislature has embraced an agenda of civil disobedience.

Congo rebels hold convoy of mine trucks, fight army in east

GOMA, Congo (AP)go's army says at least five people have been killed in fighting with an armed militia in the eastern South Kivu province since last week. Capt. Dieudonne Kasereka, army spokesman in South Kivu, said Monday that Mai Mai rebels have taken over four localities in Fizi territory. Fighting since Thursday has killed four rebels and one soldier. Canadian company Banro Mining Corp. said Monday a convoy of 23

trucks belonging to contractors for the Namoya mine were trapped in the crossfire in Lulimba, which is controlled by rebels. Fizi civil society leader Josue Lwanusha said the militia is holding 18 Tanzanian and three Ugandan drivers. Banro said the army is securing the Namoya mine. Rebels in March kidnapped five workers there, though all have since been released.

Fire rages in Syrian refugee camp in Lebanon, 1 dead

BEIRUT (AP)—A fire broke out in a Syrian refugee settlement in Lebanon's Bekaa Valley Sunday, killing at least one person and sending large plumes of black smoke into the sky, the state news agency and the Red Cross said. Ahmed Salloum, a member of the local emergency services, said the fire turned the

firefighters and emergency workers struggled for over two hours to contain the fire that broke out around midday. Temperatures are soaring in Lebanon's Bekaa region, and Salloum, an electricity technician, said he suspected an overload of power was to blame. "The settlement has turned to ashes. Even the iron melted," Salloum said. Only the bathrooms at the edge of the settlement were left standing. The explosion of gas canisters could be heard from a distance. George Ketteneh of Lebanon's Red Cross said initial reports indicate that over 100 tents burned down and one person died. Ketteneh told The Associated Press that about 97 families, or an estimated 700 persons, live in the informal settlement. He said at least six were wounded.

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Focus

By RUSSELL CONTRERAS

ASSOCIATED PRESS

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP)—As many in the United States celebrate the Fourth of July holiday, some minorities have mixed feelings about the revelry of fireworks and parades in an atmosphere of tension on several fronts.

How do you celebrate during what some people of color consider troubling times?

Blacks, Latinos and immigrant rights advocates say the aftermath of the 2016 presidential election, recent non-convictions of police officers charged in the shootings of black men, and the stepped-up detentions of immigrants and refugees for deportation have them questioning equality and the promise of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness in the United States.

Filmmaker Chris Phillips of Ferguson, Missouri, says he likely will attend a family barbecue just like every Fourth of July. But the 36-year-old black man says he can't help but feel perplexed about honoring the birth of the nation after three officers were recently cleared in police shootings.

POLICE SHOOTINGS

Since the 2014 police shooting of unarmed teenager Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri, officer shootings—of black males in particular—have drawn scrutiny, sparking protests nationwide. Few officers ever face charges, and convictions are rare. Despite video, suburban St. Paul, Minnesota, police officer, Jeronimo Yanez, was acquitted last month in the shooting of Philando Castile, a black man. The 32-year-old school cafeteria worker was killed during a traffic stop July 6, almost a year ago.

"Justice apparently doesn't apply to all people," said Phillips, who saw the protests that roiled his town for weeks following Brown's death. His yet-unreleased documentary "Ferguson 365" focuses on the Brown shooting and its aftermath. "A lot of people have lost hope."

Unlike Phillips, Janette McClelland, 55, a black musician in Albuquerque, New Mexico, said she has no intention of celebrating July Fourth.

"It's a white man's holiday to me. It's just another day," McClelland said. "I'm not going to even watch the fireworks. Not feeling it."

McClelland, who grew up in Los Angeles before the urban unrest of the 1960s, said she fears cities may see more violence amid a feeling of helplessness. "I'm praying and trying to keep positive," she said.

IMMIGRATION

Immigration was a key issue during the presidential campaign for both parties. Since then, Trump's administration has stepped up enforcement and instituted a scaled-back partial travel ban that places new limits on entry to the U.S. for citizens of six Muslim-majority countries. The temporary ban requires people to prove a close family relationship in the U.S. or an existing relationship with an entity like a school or business. On Friday,

In this Feb. 22, 2017, file photo, people peacefully leave the Dakota Access pipeline main protest camp near Cannon Ball, N.D., as authorities prepare to shut it down in advance of the spring flooding season. July Fourth holiday brings mixed feelings for minorities



In this June 28, 2017, file photo, protesters holds signs as they gather for a demonstration on the University of Cincinnati campus demanding that a white former police officer be tried a third time in the fatal shooting of an unarmed black motorist in Cincinnati.

the administration announced that Immigration and Customs Enforcement would arrest people—including relatives—who hire smugglers to bring children into the U.S. illegally.

Patricia Montes, a Boston resident and immigrant from Honduras, said she's grateful for the opportunities and security the United States has given her. Yet this year, she doesn't know how to approach the Fourth of July holiday.

"I fell very conflicted," said Montes, an immigrant advocate. "I mean, what are we celebrating? Are we

celebrating democracy?"

Montes said it pains her to see children fleeing violence get turned away and deported back to Central America

without due process. She also is disturbed by recent immigration raids in Latino and Muslim communities that spark more fear and uncertainty.

In Texas, Latino activists have been protesting a state law that forces cities and towns to cooperate with



In this June 26, 2017, file photo, Kadhim Al-bumohammed, kneeling right, a 64-year-old Iraqi refugee in the U.S., listens to speakers at an Albuquerque rally in his honor.

federal immigration authorities. In New Mexico and Michigan, immigrant advocates have been rallying on behalf of Iraqi refugees facing deportation.

"There's a lot not to be proud about when celebrating the Fourth of July,"

said Janelle Astorga Ramos, a University of New Mexico student and daughter of a Mexican immigrant. "Even though it's a time to celebrate as a country and (for) our unity, it's definitely going to be on the back of our minds."

Desspite those problems and concerns, Ramos said her family will recognize the holiday and visit Elephant Butte, New Mexico, a popular summer destination. "This is our home," Ramos said.

Isabella Baker, a 17-old Latina from Bosque Farms, New Mexico, said she'll celebrate the holiday based on her own views of patriotism.

"More people are standing up because of the political climate," Baker said. "That makes me proud."

PROTEST AGAINST PIPELINE

For months, members of the Standing Rock Sioux were at the center of a protest against an oil pipeline in North Dakota. A protest camp was set up. The tribe said the Dakota Access oil pipeline plan could pose a threat to water sources, if there were a leak, and cause cultural harm. Police made more than 700 arrests between August 2016 and February 2017. The Trump administration approved the final permit for the \$3.8 billion pipeline, which began operating June 1. The pipeline moves oil from western North Dakota to a distribution point in Illinois. Four Sioux tribes are still fighting in federal court to get the line shut down.

Ruth Hopkins, a member of South Dakota's Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate tribe, said Native Americans have always viewed the Fourth of July with ambivalence, and this year will be no different.

However, there will be celebra-

Her Lake Traverse Indian Reservation holds an annual powwow on July 4 to honor veterans as a way to take the holiday back, she said.

"Also, a lot of people up here use fireworks and the holiday to celebrate victory over Custer for Victory Day," said Hopkins, referring to Sitting Bull and Crazy Horse defeating George Custer and his 7th Cavalry at the Battle of the Little Big Horn.

Still, the holiday comes after tribes and others gathered in North Dakota to support the Standing Rock Sioux tribe and its fight against the pipeline, Hopkins said. Because of that, water and land rights remain on peoples' mind, Hopkins said.

Gyasi Ross, a member of Montana's Blackfeet Nation and a writer who lives on the Port Madison Indian Reservation near Seattle, said all the tensions this Fourth of July are a blessing because it has awakened a consciousness among people of color.

"The gloves are off," Ross said.

"We can't ignore these things anymore."

However, Ross said he wants his young son to be hopeful about the future. They will likely go fishing on the Fourth of July.

"I still worry about getting shot or something like that," Ross said. "All this stuff is so heavy to be carrying around." **18** WEDNESDAY, JULY 5, 2017 SAIPAN TRIBUNE

Good Housekeeping

On Gardening: 20 years later Scaevola still rocks in the summer landscape

By NORMAN WINTER TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

Twenty years ago something odd happened in the plant world, and as I look back now, I realize it flew under the radar. In 1997 a new plant called New Wonder Scaevola won the Georgia Gold Medal, Mississippi Medallion, and Louisiana Select awards. That trifecta was indeed quite rare. This little plant from Australia captured the imagination of the green industry with its fan-shaped flowers and rugged persevering performance.

Now 20 years later, the variety New Wonder Scaevola has won countless other awards but now has more competing varieties than most of us could have ever imagined. I have always been partial to the varieties that have various shades of blue.

This year, however, some of the other colors have caught



Surdiva Blue Violet scaevola combines wonderfully with foliage like Little Ruby alternanthera and Gold Mound duranta.

my attention. Bombay Pink has stunned me at the Coastal Georgia Botanical Gardens.

First, know that I am not a ever seen on a Scaevola.

We have several in large containers, mixed with bloodleaf bananas, bromeliads, SunPatiens, and Silver Falls dichondra for a most exotic look. All are performing at a superior level.

Another I am watching is Purple Haze. I still considered it a blue until all of my photographs convinced me it is indeed a rare shade of purple. We have it with Lavender, SunPatiens, and Gold Mound duranta for an absolutely dreamy combination. We are also using it in the landscape with white pentas and pink Telstar dianthus that are still blooming as we head into July.

Another new selection that has caught my attention this year is Surdiva Blue Violet. This one picks up the best of

pink guy. But Holy Wow, Bombay Pink is not only performing like the perfect spiller plant in mixed containers but is also packing the most flower power I have

Bombay Pink falls over the edge of this tropical container that also has blood-leaf bananas, SunPatiens and bromeliads. both blue and violet. It is compact yet still can tumble over an edge. It will have you asking, how do you get that many flowers on one plant? It is amazing and has winner written all of it.

> One of my favorite combinations has it partnered with the new Sun Parasol Apricot Mandevilla. This pastel apricot and vibrant blue violet creates a rare partnership in the world of flowers.

Scaevolas do best when given plenty of sun and planted in fertile, organic-rich, well-drained beds. Wet, soggy conditions are not satisfactory. This is one of the reasons they are amazing in containers. But they will do equally well in the landscape if you amend heavy soils or poorly drained locations by adding 3 to 4 inches of organic matter and tilling or shoveling to a depth of 6 to 8 inches.

Plant your Scaevola at the same depth it is growing in the container, spacing the plants 12 to 18 inches apart or by varietal tag recommendations. Apply a layer of

mulch after planting.

They are very drought-tolerant once established in the landscape, but those in containers will need watering daily just like any other containers. Scaevolas are the perfect front of the border plant reaching 8 to 10 inches in height and spreading outward 18 to 24 inches. The blue shades do one other remarkable thing to

me, and that is they seem to nearly glow as the sun sets for the evening.

If for some reason you have never tried Scaevola in the summer landscape or your mixed containers you are missing one of the best. They come in shades of blue, pink and white and are among the most durable of summer annuals

Gardening tips and chores for July

By JESSICA DAMIANO

July! It's time to celebrate independence, but we gardeners are never free from the chores that keep our plants thriving. We don't mind, though, because the rewards are every bit as good as that chargrilled hot dog, roasted marshmallow and fireworks display that make the month festive. Enjoy the party, and mind these chores and tips to keep the colors bursting all summer long.

If you're aiming for a giant pumpkin, pick off all but one flower from each plant and fertilize every week.

Deadhead perennials, roses and annuals to encourage continued blooming.

■ Water your lawn in the morning to prevent disease, and remember: Less-frequent deep irrigation is better than a daily sprinkle.

Happy Fourth of July! It's time to fertilize the lawn. Fertilize flowering plants every 10 days, following

package directions. Shear spring old-like creeping phlox and sweet alyssum now for improved blooming next year.

Cut back asters, sedum and chrysanthemums by one-third. Don't worry; they'll grow quickly and more lush.

Join the Great Long Island Tomato Challenge by sending a photo of yourself with your plants, along with your methods, to jessica.damiano@newsday.com.

Most plants require about I to 1 1/2 inches of water per week. Be sure to compensate for rain (or lack thereof).

10 Clean birdbaths and change the water frequently.

Fertilize tomatoes, eggplants and peppers as soon as they set fruit.

2 To prevent powdery mildew, thin crowded plants, water only in the morning and aim water at roots, not leaves.

For bigger tomatoes, regularly remove suck-

grow between branch crotches. Green beans: the more you pick them, the more they'll make.

ers-those tiny stems that

E Shear hedges, such as yews, one last time.

For the best flavor, harvest herbs midmorning, just after the dew has dried.

17 Check potted plants for water twice daily. They dry out more quickly than their garden counterparts.

Sow seeds of cabbage, cauliflower, lettuce, spinach, radish and broccoli directly into the garden now for a fall crop.

Those near the shore should spray tree leaves with antidessicant now to help prevent salt and wind damage.

Mound soil up against squash and cucumber stems to protect against vine

Plant peas again for fall harvesting.

22 Give newly planted trees 1 1/2 inches of water per week, preferably from a drip irrigator.

For larger dahlia blooms, remove side shoots from main stems.

Harvest potatoes when foliage begins to die back.

Pick melons when the skin turns yellow and stems loosen.

Don't allow zucchini to grow more than 5 to 6 inches long. Harvest often, or the plant will stop producing.

Pick off tomato hornworms by hand, and drown in a bucket of soapy

Keep on top of weeds.

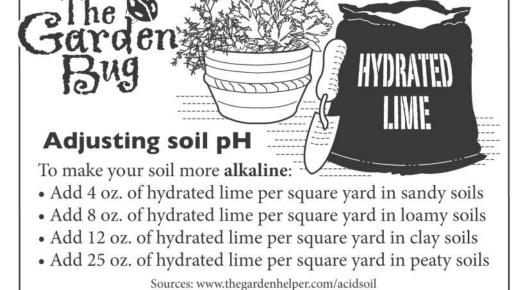
Fertilize strawberries after harvesting.

3 Divide bearded irises and replant with the tops of their crowns exposed.

31 Cut flowers in the morning, and they'll last longer in a vase, but clip them late in the day if you plan



This Surdiva Blue Violet scaevola partners in a rare color combination with this Sun Parasol Apricot mandevilla.



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Life & Style

Iranians hold 'Trumpism' cartoon contest to mock US leader

TEHRAN, Iran (AP)—Iranians have organized a "Trumpism" cartoon contest in which hundreds of participants were invited to submit artwork mocking the U.S. leader.

The same organizers held a Holocaust cartoon contest last year, which they said was meant to highlight Western double standards on free speech and not to cast doubt on the Nazi genocide.

The logo for the contest is based on the Nazi emblem, with a diagonal "T" in a white circle against a red background. One cartoon shows President Donald Trump painting a Hitler-like mustache on the face of the Statue of Liberty.

Hadi Asadi of Iran, who won first prize and a \$1,500 award, said he wanted to highlight the "money-mindedness and war monger nature" of Trump. His cartoon shows Trump wearing a jacket made of dollar notes while drooling on books, a reference to cultural material.

"I wanted to show Trump while trampling symbols of culture," said Asadi, who produced the cartoon in two



An Iranian woman looks at a cartoon depicting U.S. President Donald Trump in an exhibition in Tehran, Iran, Monday, July 3, 2017.

weeks using a stylus pen digital printing method.

Contest organizer Masuod Shojai Tabatabaei said the aim of the contest and exhibition is to show wrong behaviors by

Trump in the framework of satirical portraits. Trump and violence against women, media as well as building walls were among themes of the contest.

"The ism in Trumpism is a

reference to racism and Nazism," said Tabatabaei. "Many believe his remarks are similar to Hitler. He has had a bad attitude toward media . refugees."

exhibition,

vie Rvan, an actress and comedian who gained fame with

Los Angeles County coroner's spokesman Ed Winter says Ryan died Saturday at her home in Los An-

geles. He says her death has

agency performed an autopsy. Ryan had gained fame on

opened Monday and will

last one week, includes the

works of some 1,614 Iranian

and foreign participants from

74 countries, including four works from American car-

toonists, of which two were

American Robert Jones Clayton's cartoon shows

the cover photo of two cop-

ies of Time magazine, one

with Trump's picture and

the other with Adolf Hitler.

Both men are portrayed as

Time's Person of the Year

and Trump tells Hitler: "It is

a great honor" and in return

American Ed Wexler's

work shows Trump saying

"Fake news" while running

away from a snowball, on which a red star with a ham-

mer and sickle emblem is

seen, a reference to Russian

connections to Trump.

Hitler replies "Ja."

awarded citations.

YouTube with imperson-

ations of celebrities, including Justin Bieber, Kim Kardashian and Amy Winehouse.

She also had a sketch comedy show on VH1, "Stevie TV," and co-hosted a rela-

tionship talk show with Brody

McDonald's honors actress, Olympian, others at annual awards

NEW ORLEANS (AP)-365Black McDonald's Awards show, held annually at the Essence Festival, honored actress Tichina Arnold and Olympic gold-medalist Sanya Richards-Ross among others on Sunday as part of a program that each year salutes individuals committed to making positive contributions that strengthen the African-American community.

This year's program was scaled back and is not being shown on national cable network Black Entertainment Television as has occurred in previous years. The ceremony and luncheon was held at the Ritz-Carlton hotel in New Orleans and included performances by singers Kelly Price and Jekalyn Carr.

This year's honorees also included Valeisha Butterfield Jones, head of black community engagement for Google and the co-founder and CEO of the Women in Entertainment Empowerment Network, and Margaret "Marty" Gillis, an operator/owner of several McDonald's franchises in New Jersey.

In addition, the corporation bestowed its Community Choice Youth Award to Chasity Hale, a writer, poet and community leader who



From left, Honorees Valeisha Butterfield Jones, Chasity Hale, Margaret A. Gillis, Tichina Arnold and Sanya Richards Ross attend the McDonald's 14th Annual 365Black Power of Inspiration Awards Luncheon at the Ritz Carlton during the ESSENCE Festival, Sunday, July 2, 2017, in New Orleans

served an ambassadorial year as a Southeastern National Student Poet under the Obama administration.

Arnold, known for her role of Pam on the hit show "Martin," said she was thrilled to get the recognition for her work as an advocate for Lupus survivors.

"It's good to be recognized for your contributions to society, not just show business. God has blessed me to have a

vehicle to operate in that I love and that's entertainment. I've been doing this since age 11 and I just turned 48 three days ago. Still being able to contribute is wonderful," she told The Associated Press.

She said the recognition is important but secondary in her life.

"Even though I'm boisterous and loud, I don't like compliments. They make me very uncomfortable. I like to do

Still, she notes, she's grateful for the opportunity to stand on a platform where she can promote her We Win Foundation, which was founded in 2013 with her sister/manager Zenay Arnold, a Lupus survivor. The foundation was formed to help people, their families and caregivers who support those suffering with Lupus and other related autoimmune diseases.

what I do in silence," she said.



Actress and internet star Stevie Ryan dead at 33

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Ste-

impersonations of celebrities on You-Tube, has died. She was 33.

been ruled a suicide after the

Ryan

TV executive Jamie Horowitz abruptly fired from Fox Sports

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Jamie Horowitz, who oversaw programming and digital news operations for Fox Sports, was abruptly fired Monday after two years on the job.

The move was "fully warranted," Daniel Petrocelli, a lawyer for Fox Sports, said in a statement released Monday by the company. He didn't offer any specifics.

Fox Sports President Eric Shanks, in an email to em-

ployees announcing Horowitz's exit, alluded to a question of conduct. Fox Sports is an arm of media magnate Rupert Murdoch's 21st Century Fox.

"Everyone at Fox Sports, no matter what role we play, or what business, function or show we contribute to, should act with respect and adhere to professional conduct at all times," Shanks' email said.

An attorney for Horowitz, who joined Fox Sports National Networks in May 2015 and served as president, immediately fired back.

"The way Jamie has been treated by Fox is appalling," attorney Patricia L. Glaser said in a statement. "At no point in his tenure was there any mention by his superiors or human resources of any misconduct or an inability to adhere to professional

conduct."

Glaser said that Horowitz "performed in an exemplary fashion. Any slanderous accusations to the contrary will be vigorously defended."

In his statement, Petrocelli called her remarks "ill-informed and misguided."

During his Fox Sports responsitenure, Horowitz reoriented programmuch of the programming to talk personalities, including Skip Bayless, and away from responsiprogramscheduling and FS2

newsgathering.

Before moving to Fox, Horowitz had a brief tenure with NBC's "Today." He was with ESPN from 2006 to 2014 and with NBC Sports from 2000 to 2006.

In his email, Shanks said he will take on Horowitz's responsibilities, including programming, marketing and scheduling for channels FS1 and FS2, until a replacement is hired.

isconsin author says poignant memoir was fake

LA CROSSE, Wis. (AP)—A La Crosse author has acknowledged he falsified most of the claims in his self-published memoir.

Tristan Szente's memoir, "Becoming Me ... Again: A True Story," includes descriptions of how a 2014 motorcycle accident left him in a coma with a dozen broken bones, a concussion and second-degree burns. He wrote that a doctor told him when he woke from his coma that the authorities were trying to find the person

who hit him and two police officers interviewed him.

He also described how he defeated a rare brain virus that doctors said would kill him.

The La Crosse Tribune reported Friday that police have no record of an accident involving Szente and have no record of any contact with him in 2014 or the surrounding years. No one called 911 on the day of the crash to report it and ambulance records show no crash victim was transported to a hospital.

Szente told the newspaper

he was involved in a motorcycle crash in 2014 or 2015 but didn't report it and sought medical help days later for a concussion, burns and cuts. He declined to release his medical records but acknowledged that the hospital scene he described never took place.

He also told the newspaper he was never diagnosed with a brain virus.

"I wanted to write something positive. I foolishly and wrongfully let it get out of hand," he said. "I just kept writing. I'm sorry. I should never have done it."

Szente self-published his book through Rosedog Books and it was previously priced between \$9 to \$10 on Amazon.com, though it was not immediately known how many he sold. He broke his contract in April and chose to remove the book from print, saying he wanted to make substantial changes and republish later, Rosedog Books spokesman Michael Knapp told the Tribune.

A message seeking comment was left with Rosedog Books by The Associated Press on Monday.

Szente said he removed the book from publication because it was becoming a distraction but later added the falsifications could also be a reason for ending publication.

Oprah Winfrey threw author James Frey out of her book club in 2006 after he acknowledged fabricating parts of his memoir "A Million Little Pieces."

Ice Age art, Bauhaus buildings highlight German UNESCO hopes

BLAUBEUREN, Germany (AP)—Two sites with cultural treasures separated by more than 40,000 years—caves with art dating to the Ice Age and buildings designed by a Bauhaus master less than 100 years ago—highlight Germany's submissions for the prestigious World Heritage Site designation by the U.N.'s cultural agency, UNESCO.

The six caves are in the western state of Baden-Wuert-temberg, where archeologists have discovered flutes made from mammoth ivory along with other ancient instruments and carvings. The Bauhaus buildings in northeastern Germany were designed by the school's second director, Hannes Meyer.

A World Heritage designation brings sites some protection from development, pollution, and other threats. It can also raise a region's profile and draw more visitors.

UNESCO's World Heritage Committee is meeting in Poland in early July. This year's nominations for World Heritage sites include seven natural sites, one both natural and cultural and 27 cultural sites. Other cultural sites being considered include the Valongo Wharf in Rio, the Sambor Prei Kuk archaeological sites in Cambodia, the Kujataa subarctic farming landscape in Greenland, and the landscapes of Dauria in Mongolia.

The caves in Baden-Wuert-temberg in the valleys of the



The June 27, 2017 photo shows a general view of the 'Hohle Fels' caves in Blaubeuren, Germany.

Ach and Lone rivers have been excavated since the 19th century and have yielded hundreds of personal ornaments, at least eight musical instruments and more than 40 small figurines carved from mammoth ivory.

Archaeology professor Nicholas Conard, whose team discovered a 40,000-year-old mammoth ivory figure known as the Venus of Hohle Fels after the cave in which it was found, said the site fulfills the outstanding universal cultural value that UNESCO is looking for.

"They have produced the most abundant, richest and oldest record of early art works and also musical instruments, along with a whole range of other innovations, that are part of the cultural development at the time when modern humans spread across Europe and the Neanderthals

went extinct," said the University of Tuebingen professor.

Stefanie Koelbl, the executive director of the area's Museum of Prehistory in Blaubeuren, said the Venus of Hohle Fels is the oldest known image of a human.

"This figure has a very special charisma also carved from ivory—she has this typical pattern for artworks from the younger Paleolithic Age here in southern Germany,

these notch lines and cross lines," Koelbl said. "She has no head but a loop to carry her and probably was carried as an amulet. It belonged to one special person."

Other finds in the caves include a 20-centimeter (8-inch) phallus carved from siltstone, believed to be 32,000 years old, a water bird figure, unique in early Ice Age art, that is about 40,000 years old and a broken figure of a half manhalf lion carved from mammoth ivory.

"This was an exceptional area," Conard said. "Each year we find new examples of Paleolithic artworks that can be up to 40,000 years old or even a little bit older. And they are typically beautifully formed objects cut with stone tools and made from mammoth ivory."

Fast forward from the Baden-Wuerttemberg caves to the 20th century, when the Bauhaus school of architecture revolutionized design and aesthetic concepts between 1919 and 1933. Some Bauhaus buildings were already inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage list in 1996.

Under consideration this year are buildings designed by Meyer known as Laubenganghaeuser—literally "housing with balcony access"—in the housing estate in Dessau, southwest of Berlin, as well as a trade union school he designed in Bernau, north of Berlin.

Little Rock club performer faces weapons charge LITTLE ROCK, Ark.

(AP)—A rapper shot someone in the neck days before performing at a concert in Little Rock that was the site

of a shooting that left 28 people injured, federal prosecutors said Monday.

U.S. Attorney's Office spokeswoman Paulette Chappelle said Ricky Hampton, also known as Finese2Tymes,

spokeswoman Paulette Chappelle said Ricky Hampton, also known as Finese2Tymes, screamed at a person he believed was blocking his way on June 25 as Hampton was trying to leave Club Envy in Forrest City, Arkansas.

Chappelle said the Memphis, Tennessee, rapper entered his vehicle and continued screaming at the person, who was driving another vehicle before firing an "AKstyle pistol," shattering the rear window and striking the person in the neck.

Then Saturday, a shooting at Little Rock's Power Ultra Lounge where Hampton was performing left 28 people hurt.

Hampton was arrested about 24 hours later in Alabama on outstanding charges of aggravated assault with a gun out of Forrest City in eastern Arkansas, the U.S. Marshals Service said.

Cliff LaBarge with the U.S. Marshals Service in Alabama said two handguns and an assault rifle were seized from the Mercedes in which Hampton and another man were riding at the time of their early Sunday arrest. Hampton was about to perform at an Alabama club when he was taken into custody.

According to a news release from the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, a complaint has been filed against Hampton for being a felon in the possession of firearms. He remained in jail without bond Monday morning in Birmingham.

In 911 calls from the Little Rock shooting that were released to The Associated Press on Monday through an open records request, the scene sounds panicked and chaotic after shots were fired inside the nightclub. More than a dozen people called 911 after the shooting, and screams could be heard in the background in some calls.

No one could identify the shooter when asked by 911 operators. When asked if she saw the shooter, one woman replied: "No, I was at the back of the club but I know the rappers that came in, they had guns."

'Spider-Man: Homecoming' rises to the occasion

By RAFER GUZMÁN NEWSDAY

Few movies have as much riding on them as "Spider-Man: Homecoming." This isn't just another blockbuster hoping to recoup its sizable budget, it's a referendum on the cinematic future of one of the most popular superheroes in the pantheon. After a long custody battle over the Marvel family—Sony got Spidey while Disney got nearly everyone else—"Spider-Man: Homecoming" must not only restore its hero to his rightful place in the Avengers' universe, but win over audiences still soured by a fizzled reboot just a few years ago.

Good news: "Spider-Man:

Homecoming" admirably rises to the occasion. It delivers all the flash and bang we expect from today's Marvel movies, but it also has the sweet, youthful spirit we remember from Sam Raimi's trilogy with a baby-faced Tobey Maguire. Though likable newcomer Tom Holland still needs to fully grow into the title role, and the storyline sometimes feels thin (the six writers are all Marvel neophytes), this "Spider-Man" is the smart, savvy, culturally clued-in relaunch fans have been waiting for.

"Homecoming" dispenses, thank goodness, with the familiar spider-bite story and the death of Uncle Ben. (Marisa Tomei plays a newly vibrant Aunt May.) Instead, "Homecoming" immediately drops Peter Parker (Holland) into our favorite part of his story: The shrimpy highschool sophomore who must keep his superpowers a se-

Parker now lives in a Marvel world. As we saw in last year's "Captain America: Civil War," he aspires to join the Avengers the way young techies aspire to join Google. (Robert Downey, Jr., pops in and out as billionaire Tony Stark, aka Iron Man.) Peter also lives in a multiethnic world—his nerdy pal Ned (Jacob Batalon), his frenemy Flash Thompson (Tony Revolori) and his secret crush, Liz (Laura Harrier),



This image released by Columbia Pictures shows Tom Holland in a scene from "Spider-Man: Homecoming."

provide the color spectrum you'd expect in Peter's native borough of Queens.

Director Jon Watts nicely handles the scenes of adolescent banter and awkwardness; if anything, they're more engaging than the action sequences. One, involving the Staten Island ferry, seems swiped directly from Raimi. Likewise, the film's metalwinged villain, The Vulture, isn't entirely compelling. He's driven by money, not vengeance or power, but with the dependably devilish Michael Keaton in the role, we'll buy it.

Overall, "Spider-Man: Homecoming" is a welcome return for a superhero we've sorely missed.

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Maria Menounos reveals brain tumor battle, guits E! News

NEW YORK (AP)—Maria

Menounos says she has been diagnosed with a benign brain tumor and has announced her resignation from E! News. Menounos tells People magazine that she underwent surgery last month to remove a golf-ball-sized tumor discovered in February. Menounos says 99.9 percent of the tumor was removed during the seven-hour procedure on June 8. She says there's a small chance that it could come back. E! says Monday that Menounos is leaving the network after three years. The cable network says it believes Menounos will tackle her health struggles "with the same fierce dedication she is known for." The 39-year-old says her face is

still numb from the surgery but should be back to normal soon. Menounos is also caring for her mother, who has stagefour brain cancer.

Gotham' star Donal Logue asks for help in finding daughter

NEW YORK (AP)—Actor Donal Logue is asking for the public's help in locating his teenage daughter, who was last seen a week ago in New York City. The star of Fox's "Gotham" writes on Facebook that the "net had been flung far and wide" since 16-year-old Jade Logue disappeared. Logue says he has the New York Police Department, FBI and others involved. He asks that whoever may be with Jade to "just drop her off." He says she'll be taken back "with hugs and no questions asked."

Jade Logue was last seen in Brooklyn on June 26. She is transgender and was previously known as Arlo Logue. New York City police said Monday they've found no signs of foul play and that they so far consider the teen a runaway.

8 more years in prison sought for Spanish princess' husband

MADRID (AP)—A prosecutor is asking Spain's Supreme Court to increase the sentence handed down to the brotherin-law of King Felipe by possibly eight years. Inaki Urdangarin was sentenced earlier this year to six years and three months in prison for fraud and tax evasion. The case centered on accusations that he embezzled about 6 million euros (\$7 million) in public funds. His wife, Princess Cristina,

was absolved in the case but ordered to pay a fine. The state prosecutor appealed the verdict before the Supreme Court and on Monday called for his sentence to be raised to up to 14 years and six months, chiefly for embezzlement. The 2016 case was the first time a member of Spain's royal family was put on trial since the monarchy was restored in

Portugal nixes claim **Monty Python star's** film harmed convent

LISBON, Portugal (AP)— Portuguese authorities have rejected a television program's claims that one of the country's most cherished historic monuments was damaged during the shooting of a film by director and former Monty Python star Terry Gilliam.

The General-Directorate for Heritage says an investigation has found that the 12thcentury Convent of Christ suffered only "insignificant" damage during a recent location shoot for "The Man Who Killed Don Quixote." The report published Monday said a program by public broadcaster RTP alleging wider damage "lacked rigor and revealed a lack of scientific knowledge." Gilliam has previously called the allegations "ignorant nonsense." The convent was a stronghold of the Knights Templar, a Christian military order founded in 1119, and is classified as a World Heritage site by UNESCO.

British royals to bring the kids along on **European tour**

LONDON (AP)—Kensing-

ton Palace says the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge will take their children, Prince George and Princess Charlotte, along with them when they tour Germany and Poland. The palace says Monday that the five-day tour beginning July 17 in Warsaw will feature appearances by the royal children. The trip is being seen as an effort to bolster Britain's goodwill ties with Europe amid the country's negotiations to leave the 28-nation European Union. The palace says the royals are looking "forward to a busy and impactful tour," and are happy as a family to meet "such important friends of the United Kingdom." William and the former Kate Middleton also took George, 3, and Charlotte, 2, on an official tour to Canada last year.

Widow reconsiders romantic overture from an old friend

EAR ABBY: This is something I can't talk about in my grief support group. I'm a 70-year-old widow. I lost my dear husband of 35 years 17 months ago. I always was more sexual than he was. Since the funeral, I have had a one-night stand with a nice younger man, but it was a failure for me physically. Since then, I am leery.

Last night, a dear friend visited. He knew both of us for years. I had flirted with him last year, but nothing happened. Last night he came on to me. I was upset about my failure to perform with the nice young man, so I turned him down. Now I don't know what to do.

If I sleep with him, will it destroy our friendship? Will I be able to keep him from becoming a major presence in my home? WONDERING WIDOW

DEAR WIDOW: Please accept my condolences for the loss of your husband. That your first experience after your husband's death wasn't all that you fantasized it would be isn't unusual. Good sex is all about communication. It takes time for couples to adjust to each other and feel comfortable enough to talk frankly about their individual needs.

If you sleep with this old friend, I can't see why it would destroy your friendship. You are both adults and, I assume, available. Sex with him may—or may not—bring you closer for a variety of reasons.

However, if you would not welcome someone becoming "a major presence in your home," allow me to point out

that it might be better not to go to bed with him. Once a door is opened, it's not unusual for a guest to become comfortable and crave more "hospitality."

DEAR ABBY: I am a mother of two, and I'm afraid the baby's dad is with me only for them. He pays no attention to me unless he has something to complain about. When he does, he says hurtful things that make me cry and then he tells the kids to call me a crybaby. It's almost as if he is trying to turn them against me.

I want a relationship with him. I want love and attention, but I don't know how to get it. Please help!

DEAR NOT WANTED: What your partner is doing is unhealthy not only for you, but also for your children. He is emotionally abusing you, while at the same time encouraging those children to disrespect you and minimize your feelings.

For your sake—and theirs—you must not allow this to continue. If you do, they will think the abuse is normal behavior and perpetuate it in their own relationships when they are older.

Offer your partner the option of couples counseling to repair your relationship. If he refuses, go without him. If you do, I promise you will find it enlightening. Please do not procrastinate, because his verbal abuse could escalate.

DEAR ABBY: Is there a way to respond to individuals who

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use swear words often and loudly in a public place such as a NOT WANTED IN THE EAST restaurant? Hearing the F-word used by people at the next table ruins my enjoyment of my meal.

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DEAR OFFENDED: I don't advise you to approach the "offenders." If you have a complaint, direct it to the manager of the restaurant, who can then inform the "Fworders" they are disturbing other patrons and to please keep it down. And if they don't, ask to change tables and sit in a quieter section of the restaurant.

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Megan Rapinoe, 32; Dave Haywood, 35; Edie Falco, 54: Huev Lewis, 67.

Happy Birthday: Use your intelligence when it comes to how you earn your living and the type of work you are prepared to do. Pick up additional skills to ensure your employability and to protect against unforeseen changes that could affect your ability to earn a living. Taking control of your life and your future will lessen your stress while adding greater stability. Your numbers are 6, 10, 18, 27, 33, 42, 44.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Spruce up your residence and make others feel comfortable. What you offer will reflect how you feel and, in turn, determine how much you get back. Give-and-take will help to smooth out any conflicts that arise.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Take a step back if someone tries to manipulate you emotionally. Look at your options and consider whether you should walk away or make it clear that you will not give in to such behavior. Control whatever situation you face. ���

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Take care of yourself. Make personal changes that will add to your looks or make you feel good about your living arrangements. Satisfy your needs and don't be afraid to share your feelings with someone special.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Emotions will be triggered if you are gullible and take action based on an assumption. A steady pace, open mind and clear vision is favored, along with asking pertinent questions and getting all the details. Keep the peace.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): It's your turn to bring about change. Don't wait for someone else to take the lead. Size up your situation and you'll figure out the best way to move forward. Romance is highlighted and will improve your personal life. •••••

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't be distracted by an emotional incident. Offer help, but don't let anyone take advantage of you or lead you in a direction that is not in your best interest. Question anyone who might have ulterior motives. 👀

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Mingle with people who have similar objectives. Share ideas and you will come up with a reasonable alternative that is better suited for what you are doing. A partnership will undergo positive change. Romance is encouraged. ••••

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): An emotional matter can be resolved if you are cognizant of what it will take to improve the situation. Be willing to listen and to find common ground and eventually a solid solution will evolve. Time and patience will be required. OOO

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Emotional deception is apparent. Don't tiptoe around situations that need to be

discussed. Avoiding matters will lead to a bad situation later. Honesty and integrity will help you maintain the status quo. Physical improvements are encouraged. 🛇 😂 😂

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): How

you approach joint ventures or partner-

ships will make a difference to the out-



come of a project you want to pursue. Listen carefully and you will be able to determine who will come through for you and who will not.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Put your heart on the line and express the way you feel. Hanging out with children, your partner or the people you live with will bring you closer together. A straightforward approach to what you want will fetch the best results.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Emotional disillusion will set in if you put someone on a pedestal. Protect your heart and your reputation by refraining from being too open about the way you feel or what your intentions

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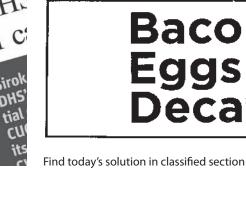
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AP source: Durant agrees to 2-year deal with Warriors

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)-The NBA Finals MVP gladly accepted a pay cut.

One day shy of a year after announcing his decision to

join the powerhouse Warriors, Kevin Durant took far less than he could have to help make sure they stay winners and chase more championships. KD agreed to terms Monday on a contract worth approximately \$53 million over the next two years.

Still exhilarated from his first career title, Durant has made it clear he hopes to build a dynasty alongside Stephen Curry, Draymond Green and Klay Thompson. Durant's new contract calls for about \$25 million in the first year with a player option for the second season, a person with direct knowledge of the deal told The Associated Press, speaking on condition of anonymity Monday because it won't become official until the end of the free agency moratorium period Thursday.

As he planned all along to provide the Warriors with financial flexibility, Durant waited as Golden State general manager Bob Myers signed the other free agents - Curry for a record \$201 million over five years; 2015 Finals MVP Andre Iguodala on a threeyear contract with \$48 million guaranteed; fellow key reserves Shaun Livingston for \$24 million and three years, and David West on a one-year deal for the veteran minimum \$2.3 million.

Last Thursday, Durant declined to opt in for the \$27.7 million second year of his previous deal with the Warriors



and became an unrestricted free agent. The move was expected as Durant insisted when the season ended that he would do his part to keep the core of the roster intact. He could have signed a max deal that would have paid him millions more next season, but that contract will come soon enough. He is expected to decline the player option next year and sign for the maximum then.

He and Curry vowed to do whatever they could in negotiations to ensure Myers had money to work with to keep as many of the others as possible.

Durant, villainized for his choice to bolt OKC, made it clear he wasn't going anywhere. The 28-year-old forward had been projected to receive a 20 percent raise over the \$26.5 million he made last season, which would have been about \$31.8 million.

After he missed 19 games with a left knee injury, Durant returned to the floor late in the regular season with his Warriors on a roll and declared he would take his game to another level come playoff time.

Durant averaged 28.5 points, 7.9 rebounds and 4.3 assists and shot 55.6 percent, scoring more than 30 points in nine of his 15 playoff games. He also emerged as a smothering defender and shot-blocker, handling much of the load against LeBron James during the Finals. The Warriors beat the Cavaliers in five games for their second title in three seasons, and Durant's first after he departed Oklahoma City to join a super team.

A year ago on July 4, Durant announced his decision to leave the Thunder, something that still stings for his former fans in Oklahoma. That choice came after Curry, Green, Iguo-

LeBron James suggested that

Curry should be getting \$400

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this summer, teams and play-

ers are both showing savvy

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Gordon Hayward may sign

a three-year deal wherever

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Money matters, clearly. But

dala and Thompson traveled to the Hamptons to make their group plea for KD.

The scrutiny came immediately: Would there be enough shots to go around? How would Curry respond to no longer being the biggest Bay Area basketball star? How long would it take for chemistry to develop?

All of those things were pretty much moot.

The Warriors just kept winning, and their championship said it all. Every team is now chasing the franchise.

Ten years after becoming the No. 2 draft pick behind In this June 12, 2017, file photo, Golden State Warriorsforward Kevin Durant gestures as he holds the Bill Russell NBA Finals Most Valuable Player Award after Game 5 of basketball's NBA Finals between the Warriors and the Cleveland Cavaliers in Oakland, Calif.

Greg Oden, Durant hoisted a trophy and will have his ring at last.

Curry, the two-time MVP, allowed Durant to get comfortable right away by putting his own stats aside. By late in the season, he and Durant were sharing the same practice court engaging in fierce but good-natured shooting contests

"You don't have to be great friends to be great teammates," coach Steve Kerr said, "but I think it helps."

Durant had pushed Curry from afar years ago.

"We were the same freshman class in college, so I was always chasing KD's numbers my freshman year," Curry said. "Any time I had a good game he was always, our points per game were really close. Then he kind of took off down the stretch that freshman year, but I knew he was pretty much a one-anddone-type situation. I didn't follow the draft that much that year but for somebody that has so much potential and hype around him, to actually see it to fruition, with that kind of pressure, that kind of spotlight, and almost exceed expectations throughout his career, that's a mark of a guy that wasn't complacent with where he was at any point, always wanted to get better. He's done that."

Deals happening this summer, but amid perhaps more caution

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP)—Pat Riley saw this coming.

Surveying the landscape going into free agency, the Miami Heat president had a clear sense that smarter spending was going to be the rule in the NBA this summer as opposed the enormous-contract spree that occurred a year ago.

And so far, he's been proven

There have still been some massive contracts—Stephen Curry's \$201 million agreement with Golden State will set an NBA total-value record, while the Clippers' Blake Griffin, New Orleans' Jrue Holiday and Toronto's Kyle Lowry combined to assure themselves another \$400 million in soonto-be-official deals. Otto Porter may be in line for \$105 million, either from Sacramento or Washington.

But unlike 2016, there's

been very few puzzling fer from Washington. moves.

"Some of the contracts were sort of out of whack," Riley

That was then, with deals like ones given to Joakim Noah (\$72 million for four years by the Knicks), Timofey Mozgov (\$64 million for four years by the Lakers) and Luol Deng (\$72 million for four years, also by the Lakers) not exactly paying massive dividends last season. Perhaps not coincidentally, it should be noted that the Knicks and Lakers are both under different management this summer.

Deals are getting done going into Monday, \$1.255 billion in new contracts have been agreed upon this summer already, a figure that goes past \$1.5 billion when Porter signs and assuming John Wall takes his \$168 million extension of-

They're just getting done more judiciously, or so it would seem.

"That's part of the reasons we signed guys in advance last summer, was in anticipation of where the cap was going, knowing the value of cap room wasn't going to be as much because of the preponderance of cap room in the marketplace,' Portland president of basketball operations Neil Olshey said, noting there was \$450 million available in cap room this summer across the league.

To Dwyane Wade, who will make nearly \$24 million this season, what's happening now is eye-popping.

"If I'm 25 with the same numbers," the Chicago guard son, "I'm getting 150 million."

tweeted on June 21 with a reference to his stats from last sea-

And later, Cleveland star

line for an even-bigger payday than the one that awaits. J.J. Redick cashed in with Philadelphia for \$23 million, and gets the chance to be free again next summer. Lowry, Serge Ibaka and Jeff Teague

longer ones were possible. Lowry announced his decision on The Players' Tribune, saying his son's reaction to the

were among those who took

three-year deals, even though

news that they were staying in Toronto was that they now need to get a bigger house.

"We'll see about that one," Lowry said.

In the first two days of free agency-really, Monday was only Day 3, even though it seems like it's been going on forever—at least 19 of the 30 NBA clubs struck known agreements on deals that will be eligible to be executed starting Thursday. Half the league hasn't done anything that could be described as anywhere near splashy, either because funds are tight or they're waiting for other dominoes to fall.

"Really happy and looking forward to this opportunity,' point guard Jose Calderon said after getting a \$2.3 million deal from Cleveland, which didn't have the room to be a major player in free agencythough can still make trades if it chooses, of course.

Golden State, meanwhile, has beaten the Cavaliers for two of the last three NBA titles and has handed out more than \$300 million in new contracts so far this summer, the latest of those being the one Kevin Durant agreed to on Monday. Durant agreed to a two-year, \$53 million deal, one that will pay him about \$25 million this season. He'll have the option to return to free agency again next summer.

Other teams without cap space or mechanisms by which to land players have to wait and see for what's left.

"I don't know how much money our team has-\$16 million, and those guys are making \$30 million now," Knicks coach Jeff Hornacek said, when asked if he thought his team could be a major player in free agency this year. "If you look at it that way, it doesn't look likely. But there are good players out there."

Red Sox score 2 in 11th for 5th straight win, 7-5 at Texas



Pedroia wasn't given the opportunity to drive in another run for the Boston Red Sox in the 11th inning. Andrew Benintendi took care of that.

Benintendi blooped a tworun single over a drawn-in infield after Pedroia was intentionally walked to load the bases, and the Red Sox beat Texas 7-5 on Monday night for their AL-best fifth straight victory.

"Trying to get something to the outfield. Basically anything but a ground ball," said Benintendi, who had entered the game as a pinch hitter in the ninth. "Once Mookie (Betts) hit that double, I figured that's what they'd do."

Boston needed extra innings after Mike Napoli led off the Rangers ninth with a homer against All-Star closer Craig Kimbrel, who had blown only one of his previous 24 save opportunities.

After Ernesto Frieri (0-1) gave up a one-out walk in the 11th to No. 9 hitter Tzu-Wei Lin and the double by Betts—who will now be an outfield starter in the All-Star Game—the Rangers took the bat out of the hands of Pedroia, who already had three hits and four RBIs, and played their infielders in.

Benintendi's ball landed just beyond the infield dirt in short left.

"The likelihood of turning a double play there is very slim," Rangers manager Jeff Banister said. "Obviously you're in a tough situation. I don't know that there's anything in the book that you say play for a bloop."

Heath Hembree (1-2), the sixth Boston pitcher, retired all six batters he faced over the last two innings.

Pedroia's second two-run single capped a tiebreaking sixth, when the AL Eastleading Red Sox scored three unearned runs. The bases were loaded when Pedroia got to the plate, but just-entered reliever Tony Barnette threw a wild pitch before Pedroia lined a two-out shot to center for a 5-2 lead.

Texas then scored in three consecutive at-bats, the last when Napoli homered for the third time in four games. His .193 batting average is the lowest among AL qualifiers, but 17 of his 46 hits are homers.

Carlos Gomez hit his 11th homer in the Texas seventh, and Shin-Soo Choo led off the eighth with a double before scoring on Nomar Mazara's single.

The Red Sox had also loaded the bases with two outs in the second, part of 36 pitches by Texas starter Martin Perez that inning, to set up Pedroia's first two-run single that put

them ahead 2-1.

Rougned Odor's 15th homer for Texas was a solo shot in the fourth tied the game.

Nationals 3, Mets 2

In Washington, Ryan Raburn drove in the game-winning run with two outs in the bottom of the ninth as the Washington Nationals survived another bullpen collapse for a 3-2 victory over the New York Mets.

Curtis Granderson tied the game with a two-out, two-run homer off Nationals reliever Matt Albers (4-1). Granderson's heroics came after Michael Taylor's two-run homer in the bottom of the eighth broke a scoreless tie.

Matt Wieters opened the ninth with a walk against Paul Sewald (0-3), moved to second following a sacrifice bunt and took third on Adam Lind's deep fly ball. Following Stephen Drew's walk, Raburn's slow, looping liner to left field off Fernando Salas fell in front of a diving Yoenis Cespedes, scoring Wieters.

Nationals left fielder Brian Goodwin kept the game scoreless in the top of the eighth by throwing out Brandon Nimmo trying to score from second on Jose Reyes' base hit.

Rockies 5, Reds 3

In Denver, rookie Raimel Tapia finished a single shy of the cycle, Charlie Blackmon lined a solo shot after it was announced he would participate in the All-Star Home Run Derby.

Tapia's homer in the sixth broke a tie game as the Rockies returned home following a forgetful 1-8 trip.

Right-hander Jeff Hoffman (5-1) nearly collected as many hits at the plate (two) as he surrendered on the mound (four). He went seven effective innings, with his only hiccup back-to-back homers to Scooter Gennett and Joey Votto in the sixth. Hoffman's run-scoring double in the second was his first major league RBI.

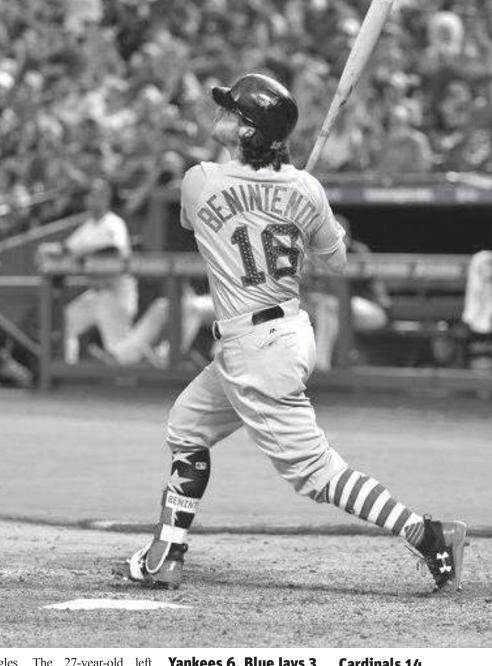
Hoffman turned the ball over to the bullpen, where Jake McGee pitched the eighth and recently named All-Star Greg Holland threw a perfect ninth for his 27th save in 28 chances.

Luis Castillo (0-1) went 5 2-3 innings and allowed four runs. He also struck out eight.

Brewers 8, Orioles 1

In Milwaukee, Travis Shaw started the rout with a goahead single in a four-run first inning, then left after he was hit on a hand by a pitch during the Brewers' win over the Orioles.

Backed by 7-0 lead in the second, Brent Suter (1-1) struck out eight over six innings, allowing an unearned run and four hits - all sin-



gles. The 27-year-old left hander made his second big league start, pitching in place of Chase Anderson, on the disabled list because of a left oblique strain.

Wade Miley (3-7) gave up seven runs, seven hits and two walks in 1 2/3 innings, raising his ERA to 5.20 from 4.54. He is 1-4 with an 11.69 ERA in his last six starts.

Phillies 4, Pirates O

In Philadelphia, Aaron Nola struck out eight in seven splendid innings, Freddy Galvis and Maikel Franco hit tworun homers and the Phillies beat the Pirates.

Nola (6-5) allowed four hits and none until Jordy Mercer lined a double down the leftfield line with two outs in the fifth. Joaquin Benoit and Hector Neris completed the four-

Galvis hit a shot estimated at 417 feet into the second deck in right field to give the Phillies a 2-0 lead in the first off Ivan Nova (8-6).

After Galvis reached on a bunt single his next time up, Franco ripped a liner out to left to make it 4-0 in the third.

Nova gave up four runs and seven hits in six innings. He allowed more than three earned runs for only the fourth time in 17 starts.

Yankees 6, Blue Jays 3

In New York, Masahiro Tanaka pitched seven sharp innings for his second straight win following a long slump, helping the Yankees beat the skidding Blue Javs.

Hours after announcing they'll both compete in the Home Run Derby next week, All-Star sluggers Aaron Judge and Gary Sanchez sparked New York's offense. Consecutive singles by those Baby Bombers in the first helped the Yankees scratch out two runs against Marcus Stroman. Judge's leadoff single and Sanchez's double set up a four-run eighth that included Chase Headley's two-run double off Ryan Tepera.

Headley was hit by a pitch to force home a run in the first and finished with three RBIs. Jacoby Ellsbury drew a basesloaded walk from Stroman (8-5), who grew up on Long Island about 55 miles from Yankee Stadium.

Last-place Toronto has dropped five straight and nine

Tanaka (7-7) turned in his third consecutive strong outing, a big positive for the banged-up Yankees as they chase AL East-leading Boston. Second-place New York won for only the sixth time in 20 games.

Cardinals 14, Marlins 6

In St. Louis, rookie Luke Voit hit his first major league homer and drove in four runs, Tommy Pham reached base five times and the Cardinals beat the Marlins.

St. Louis scored four runs in the first inning and seven in the third on the way to an 11-0 lead. Voit added a two-run homer in the eighth in the Cardinals' fifth win in six games.

Adam Wainwright (9-5) picked up his second successive win and also drove in two runs with a bases-loaded single.

of six. Miami starter Jeff Locke

The Marlins have lost five

(0-5) gave up 11 hits and 11 earned runs in 2 2/3 innings.

Pham had three hits and two walks. He drove in a pair of

Twins 9, Angels 5

In Minneapolis, Max Kepler tied a career high with four hits, including a home run, Adalberto Mejia earned his third straight win and the Twins beat the Angels.

Joe Mauer also homered and Miguel Sano had three hits for Minnesota, which won for just the third time in nine games.

Mejia (4-3) allowed nine hits and three earned runs in

Boston Red Sox's Andrew Benintendi (16) follows through on a two-run single off a pitch from Texas Rangers relief pitcher Ernesto Frieri in the 11th inning of a baseball game, Monday, July 3, 2017, in Arlington, Texas.

seven innings. He's given up five earned runs in 22 1/3 innings over his past four starts after allowing eight in a June 12 start. His ERA has dropped from 5.53 to 4.32 in that span.

Luis Valbuena and Martin Maldonado homered and Andrelton Simmons had three hits for Los Angeles, which has lost four of five.

Royals 3, Mariners 1

In Seattle, Ian Kennedy allowed one run pitching into the seventh inning, Mike Moustakas and Alex Gordon both hit solo home runs, and the Royals beat the Mariners.

Kennedy (3-6) won his third straight decision with one of his best performances of the season. The lone run scored on a wild pitch as Kansas City handed Seattle its fifth straight loss at home.

Moustakas led off the second inning with his 23rd home run of the season and gave the Royals a 2-0 lead against Seattle starter Andrew Moore. Gordon's home run came with two outs in the fifth, a pitch he broke his bat on but was still able to get it over the wall in right just beyond the leap of Mitch Haniger. It was Gordon's fifth homer and second in the past three games.

White Sox 7, **Athletics 2**

In Oakland, California, Todd Frazier doubled twice and drove in two runs to back Carlos Rodon's first win of the season, and the White Sox beat the slumping Athletics.

Melky Cabrera added three hits and an RBI, Willy Garcia doubled twice while Matt Davidson had an RBI double to break out of a personal slump and help Chicago to its fifth win in seven games.

One week after getting swept by the A's at home, the White Sox jumped on Oakland starter Jharel Cotton early and got strong pitching from Rodon and two relievers to make it hold up before a crowd of 40,019 — the largest to watch a baseball game at the Coliseum in nearly 12 years.

Rodon (1-1) allowed two runs over 6 1/3 innings and came within one shy of his career high with 10 strikeouts in his second start after missing nearly the first three months of the season on the disabled list with bursitis in his left bicep. Rodon gave up a two-run double to Adam Rosales in the second the retired 14 of 16 on his way to winning for the first time since Sep. 30.

With bad knee, 3-time major champ Wawrinka out at Wimbledon

LONDON (AP)—So much for the idea that Stan Wawrinka might be able to complete a career Grand Slam at Wimbledon this year.

Didn't even make it out of the first round.

An owner of one championship from each of the other three major tournaments, and the French Open runner-up just three weeks ago, Wawrinka was bothered by his left knee and lost 6-4, 3-6, 6-4, 6-1

to Daniil Medvedev at Centre need to figure it out exactly. Court in the first round at the All England Club on Mon-

Wawrinka was seeded No. 5 and ranked No. 3. He iced his knee durchangeovers and never was able to summon his best tennis.

"Apparently grass is not the best surface for my knee," Wawrinka said with a grin. "I what's the problem now, what I'm going to do, and

come back on the tennis court when I (can play) without any pain.'

He said his knee has been a problem off and on this season, including at the

Australian Open in January, when he made a run to the semifinals.



Wawrinka said he was a bit hesitant about even playing at Wimbledon, but he thought the knee seemed better during recent practices.

He had no answers when asked what comes next, including how much time he might need to take off.

"What's sure is that I'm going to take the time I need to feel ready again physically," the 32-year-old from Switzerland said.

Wawrinka won the Australian Open in 2014, the French Open in 2015 and the U.S.

Switzerland's Stan Wawrinka ices his knee during a break in his Men's Singles Match against Russia's Daniil Medvedev, on the opening day at the Wimbledon Tennis Championships in London Monday, July 3, 2017.

Open in 2016. But he never has been able to excel at the All England Club, where his best showing is getting to the quarterfinals and his career record is now 18-13.

This was Wawrinka's sixth defeat in the first round at Wimbledon.

And just how big a victory was this for Medvedev, a 21-year-old Russian who is ranked 49th?

He dropped to his knees and kissed the Centre Court turf afterward.

This was the first time he had won a Grand Slam match. A year ago at Wimbledon, Medvedev lost in the first round of qualifying.

"So even, I guess, if I didn't beat Stan, it would be one of the biggest wins in my life. My first top-10 win. I have no words to describe this," Medvedev said. "I guess this memory will be with me forever."

Discussing crash, Venus Williams sheds tears at Wimbledon

LONDON (AP)—Venus Williams wiped tears from her eyes during her Wimbledon news conference Monday.

She shook her head, fiddled with her hair and sat, silently.

The wave of emotion came as Williams attempted to answer a question about the two-car crash that police say she caused June 9 in Florida; a 78-year-old passenger in the other vehicle died 13 days later. Williams' 7-6 (7), 6-4 victory over Elise Mertens at the All England Club was the five-time Wimbledon champion's first match anywhere since the accident - and the first time she has spoken about it publicly.

Well, tried to speak about it. She began by saying: "There are really no words to describe, like, how devastating and ..."

Williams paused.

"Yeah, I'm completely speechless," she briefly continued.

"It's just ..."

"Yeah, I mean, I'm just ..." Then she sat there, silently. Eventually, the moderator seated next to Williams temporarily halted the news conference, allowing the 37-yearold American to leave the room for a bit. She huddled nearby with her older sister, Isha, before returning. When the proceedings resumed, the moderator asked that the

topic of the crash be avoided, bled by an injury departed when saying, "Venus is willing to take a couple more questions about other things. Tennis, perhaps."

The 10th-seeded Williams' return to action, and difficulty in addressing the offcourt matters with the media - just last week, the police report was released, and a day later, the estate of the man who died sued her - were the most noteworthy happenings on Day 1 at the grass-court Grand Slam tournament.

There was, though, on-court news, too, of course, starting with this: No. 3-ranked Stan Wawrinka, a three-time major champion and the runner-up at the French Open just three weeks ago, dealt with a bothersome left knee and bowed out 6-4, 3-6, 6-4, 6-1 to Daniil Medvedev, a 21-year-old Russian ranked 49th who had never won so much as one Grand Slam match in his career.

"For sure, I wasn't feeling the way I wanted to feel,' Wawrinka said.

"Apparently," he said with a grin, "grass is not the best surface for my knee."

Wawrinka has won each of the other majors once apiece but Wimbledon has given him fits over the years. He has yet to get past the quarterfinals and this was his sixth exit in the first round.

Another seeded man hob-

No. 20 Nick Kyrgios, a talented if temperamental Australian, stopped playing because of a hip problem. He dropped the first two sets against Pierre-Hugues Herbert of France before calling it quits.

Two of the four men who have divvied up the past 14 Wimbledon trophies won easily Monday: Andy Murray and Rafael Nadal.

Murray was asked about what advice he might give Williams.

"I don't know exactly what happened. I just read kind of more, like, headlines, rather than the whole stories about it. But it's obviously horrific when anything like that happens," he said. "I'm sure it must be tough for her to focus on her tennis just now. But I don't know how you advise someone on that. ... Unless you've been through it, you don't know. You don't know what to do."

Williams has not been cited or charged, and police say she was not drunk, on drugs or texting, but that she drove her SUV into the path of a car carrying a married couple. Williams, who owns a home near the crash site, told investigators her light was green when she entered the six-lane intersection but she got stopped midpoint by traffic and didn't see the other car before she crossed their lane.

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According to IAAF rules, each application for certification must have full details of the product (track) including materials and technical drawings, while samples of the materials used should be tested by laboratories recognized by the international governing body in athletics. There are also instances that an IAAF nominated inspector will conduct another site inspection of the facility.

An IAAF certification is necessary for a group—the Northern Marianas Athletics in the CNMI's case—to hold a high-level competition sanctioned by IAAF or its member federations. Last month, the

Commonwealth was awarded the hosting rights for the 2018 Micronesian Athletics Championships, while the Pacific Mini Games will also take place here in 2021. The IAAF certification is a must to also ensure the safety of the athletes and the integrity of their performances. The Oleai track used to be a Level II certified facility before it deteriorated and failed to meet the world standards.

"We're positive we will get the certification back. The contractor is doing the final finishing touches of the facility, working on the fence and railings," Rogolifoi said.

"We would like to remind the public that the track is still closed, so we're asking for more patience from them. We may re-open the facil-

ity late in August. Until then, please cooperate with us. We all want to get the track back, but not at the expense of the public's safety," the NMSA official added.

Meanwhile, Rogolifoi disclosed that the process seeking for repairs of the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield, the Miguel "Tan Ge" Basa Pangelinan Ballfield, and the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium is ongoing and the agency in charge for facilitating the release of the funds for these projects are aiming to get the work done all at once. Funds are from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and were made available after these facilities sustained significant damage from Typhoon Soudelor that hit Saipan in August 2015.

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PBT, too in the 100m freestyle after logging 56.04 seconds, which was the second best in his division. The SSC swimmer's runner-up finishes in three other races were also made in record-breaking fashion. In the 100m butterfly, he clocked in at 1:01.39, more than a second better than his old PBT of 1:02.75. In the 200m butterfly, Akimaru chopped off nearly five seconds from his previous PBT (2:30.29) after registering 2:25.80, while in the 100m backstroke, he posted 1:09.85—faster than his seed time of 1:10.4.

For his fifth place finishes in two events, the Marianas High School student also

earned PBTs. He clocked in at 2:20.97 and 1:13.83 in the 200m IM and 100m breaststroke, respectively, eclipsing his old marks of 2:24.24 and 1:14.20. In the 200m breaststroke, Akimaru's third best time of 2:40.79 was more than six seconds better than his previous record (2:47.21)

Meanwhile, Akimaru also joined three races in the open division and got PBTs, too.

The biggest drop came in the 1,500m freestyle race, which he ruled after registering 17:37.61—more than 22 seconds faster than his old mark (17:59.95). Akimaru won the longest swim in the tournament against 14 other participants, including fellow SSC swimmer Jinnosuke Suzuki, who was ranked fourth after checking in at 18:21.10.

Akimaru had another grueling race via the 800m freestyle event and his 9:12.52 did not only surpass his previous PBT (9:23.69), but also landed him at the No. 1 spot among the 14 swimmers who did the 16lap contest. Jinnosuke, who topped the 11 to 12 age group, joined the same race and had a fourth-best time of 9:34.63—a new PBT (from 9:45.51). In the 400m freestyle. Akimaru was the top SSC finisher and fourth overall after checking in at 4:24.53, nearly a minute faster than her old mark (4:25.52). Christian Villacrusis and David Boyer timed in at 4:55.24 and 5:12.18, respectively, in the similar event.

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who appeared in the finals of both the singles and doubles events of the Oceania Open Junior Championships 2017 that concluded last weekend in Lautoka.

"For the Fed Cup, I'm just really honored to be a part of the team. There are some great players on our team and also from the other countries so I'm going to use it as a learning experience. I'm very excited about the tournament in Tajikistan," Lee said.

The CNMI player will be teaming up with Papua New Guinea's Abigail Tere-Apisah, Samoa's Steffi Carruthers, and New Caledonia's Mayka Zima. Tahiti's Patrice Cotti is Pacific Oceania's non-playing captain for the tournament that will run from July 17 to 22 at the Dushanbe Central Stadium in Dushanbe.

Joining Pacific Oceania in the competition are the host Tajikistan, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Malaysia, New Zealand, Iran, Pakistan, Uzbekistan, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Turkmenistan, and Kyrgyzstan. Draws in the 2017 Fed Cup Asia/Oceania Zone Group II are not yet available, but the 13 teams will be divided into four groups with three pools having four squads and one with three

teams. A round-robin format will be in place for each pool and the winner of the tournament will be promoted to Group 1 to join China, Japan, India, Thailand, South Korea, the Philippines, and Kazakhstan in the elite company.

After the Fed Cup, the world No. 233 ranked Lee will return to Fiji to train and prepare for a big ITF Juniors tournament, the Oceania Closed Junior Championships—a B2 competition that awards 120 ranking points to the singles champion and 80 to doubles winners. Lee got 25 ranking points from the same tournament last year after advancing to the Round of 16 of the singles event.

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Arianne Fish Mart's Dexter Guiang, right, collars the rebound against SSFM's Jack Lizama, while the latter's teammate Randy Mungcal stays close in the play during their title game in the 2017 San Antonio Summer Basketball League last month at the San Antonio court.



Arianne Fish Mart's Mico Usi unloads a shot in front of SSFM's Jesse Santos.



SSFM's Brady Hammond, left, looks for a teammate to pass the ball to in this inbound play, while Arianne Fish Mart's Chris Lilles pressures him.



Arianne Fish Mart's Paolo Sanguyo, right, and SSFM's Andrew Ashburn jockey for position.



SSFM defenders surround Arianne Fish Mart's Rolly Paraiso.



Arianne Fish Mart's Chris Lilles, left, beats teammate Randy Mungcal for the rebound.



SSFM's Jack Lizama, right, is fouled by Arianne Fish Mart's Rolly Paraiso



SSFM's Andrew Palino, left, drives against Arianne Fish Mart's Ken Viray.



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Kento reigns supreme in Hawaii

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aipan Swim Club's Kento Akimaru made the most out of his last off-island meet competing in the men's 15 to 16 division after topping the age group contest in the 69th Annual Keo Nakama Invitational held over the weekend at the Veterans' Memorial Aquatic Center in Waipahu, Hawaii.

The 16-year-old swimmer gained 60 points after racing in nine events to get the first place honors in his age group.

Akimaru defeated 28
other swimmers, beating
runner-up Josh Lujan of
Hawaii Swimming
Club-Oahu by 20
points. Pearl City

ROSELYN B. MONROYO Saipan Swim Club's Kento Akimaru topped the men's 15 to 16 age group competition in the 69th Annual Keo Nakama Invitational held last weekend in Hawaii.

Aquatics' Matthew Takai was a distant third after scoring 23 points. The SSC member finished on top of his age group

after ruling the 50m and 200m

freestyle, placing second in

the 100m freestyle, 100m and

200m butterfly, and 100m backstroke, third in the 200m breaststroke, and fifth in the 200m individual medley and 100m breaststroke.

In the 200m freestyle race, Akimaru clocked in at 2:05.09, way ahead of runner-up Lujan, who submitted 2:08.64. The SSC swimmer's winning time in the race that featured 23 swimmers was also faster than his old personal best (2:05.55). In the 50m freestyle, Aki-

maru's 25.64 seconds bested 20 other swimmers and surpassed his previous PBT of 25.83 seconds.

Akimaru shattered his

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Carol heads to Tajikistan for Fed Cup



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Carol Lee poses for a photo at the check-in counter in Morocco last month. Next week, she will go to Tajikistan to play for the Pacific Oceania Team in the 2017 Fed Cup Asia/Oceania Zone Group II.

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Carol Lee's exploits in international tennis continues as she

heads to Tajikistan next week to suit up for the Pacific Oceania Team that will compete in the 2017 Fed Cup Asia/Oceania Zone Group II.

The 15-year-old junior tennis player will travel to the Central Asian country after making stops in Morocco, New Caledonia, and

Fiji for a long series of ITF Juniors Circuit tournaments. She admits to feeling tired after seeing action in seven tournaments for two months, but will soldier on as she wants to capitalize on every opportunity presented to her blossoming tennis career.

"I'm exhausted from playing so many tournaments and I'm happy to have the break to work on the things that I need to work on to get better. I love competing though so I always enjoy the tournaments," said Lee,

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Oleai track waiting for IAAF certification

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The newly resurfaced Oleai Sports Complex track and field facility is still waiting for certification from the International Association of Athletics Federation.

Tony Rogolifoi, executive

director of Northern Marianas Sports Association, which oversees the management and maintenance of the Oleai track, said an inspector from Australia

was on island late

last month to check the

facility. He added that Bob

and turf of the track along with the other components of the renovated facility. The Aussie will then prepare a long report and submit it to IAAF for review, while another inspector may visit Saipan

Jones inspected the markings

later this month.

"There's a lot of paper work to be done before we get the certification. I was told it will take about two months to complete the process," Rogolifoi said in an interview with *Saipan Tribune* last week.

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